

to the will of the people. In many respects, the amazing success of our industry, our science and even our military might all rests on this simple fact. Without a foundation of freedom, Americans could never have achieved the boundless success we have known. We owe a great debt to men and women who founded our nation for their foresight and their sacrifice.

The Balkans are a land of tragic history. It provided the spark for the First World War, and has been in turmoil ever since. I am reminded that on the eve of the start of World War I, the British Foreign Minister looked out his window upon a worker putting out the street lights, and remarked:

The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime.

For the first time in a very long time, the lamps of European freedom are lit across the entire continent. It is a vindication of the sacrifice of two generations of Americans who risked their lives in war. It is a vindication of this nation's principles, and most of all, it is a vindication of the aspirations of the Yugoslavian people. I hope that this body, when we return next year, will act quickly and generously to welcome Serbia back to the community of nations. I also hope that we will take all necessary steps to secure a lasting peace in the Balkans. I believe it is important that we place a particular focus on the children of this region. Like so many other conflicts, the wounds of the Balkans will take time to heal. Our best hope for that healing comes from the children. I look forward to working with my colleagues so that our best hopes might be realized.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S POSITION ON THE PAIN RELIEF PROMOTION ACT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, on October 4, 2000, I did not correctly state the American Cancer Society's position on S. 1272, when I stated that they "... strongly opposed ... the Pain Relief Promotion Act." Their actual position, taken directly from their recent statement on the legislation, is as follows:

... The American Cancer Society appreciates the commitment shown by the sponsors of the legislation to address these issues, but unfortunately is unable to support this legislation as written ... Careful analysis of the House-passed measure and a substitute version of the Senate bill ... have serious potential to exacerbate the current problem of under treatment of pain. While there are provisions to proactively address pain and symptom management, the Society maintains that any benefit from such provisions would not outweigh the potential threat posed by the changes to CSA. Furthermore, neither section of the bill comprehensively addresses the needs of providers, patients, and families for ongoing support and education to counter the current problem of under-treatment of pain—a problem that often leads to requests for physician-assisted suicide ... Under the Act, all physicians and particularly physicians who care for those with terminal illnesses will be

made especially vulnerable to having their pain and symptom management treatment decisions questioned by law enforcement officials not qualified to judge medical decision-making. This can result in unnecessary investigation, and further disincentives to aggressively treat pain.

Unfortunately, 'intent' cannot be easily determined, particularly in the area of medicine where effective dosage levels for patients may deviate significantly from the norm. The question of deciding intent should remain in the hands of those properly trained to make such decisions—the medical community and state medical boards. The Pain Relief Promotion Act seeks to hold harmless any physician who treats a patient's pain even if death occurs, and the measure attempts to create a 'safe harbor' provision in an effort to shield physicians whose use of federally-controlled drugs unintentionally hasten or cause death. However, this provision does not change the fact that the DEA would now explicitly be charged with overseeing the medical use of controlled substances, resulting in a negative impact on cancer pain treatment. . . .

The American Cancer Society statement concluded with the following observation:

The American Cancer Society has engaged in a deliberative process to evaluate the impact of the Pain Relief Promotion Act on our Quality of Life goals for all people living with cancer. Its analysis included a review of existing Society policies on pain and symptom management and opposition to physician assisted suicide. We have concluded that as written, the Pain Relief Promotion Act would ban the use of federally controlled substances for physician-assisted suicide at the expense of controlling pain and advancing symptom management. These issues are both critically important, but are separate issues. While the Society strongly opposes all patient deaths stemming from assisted suicides, we must give heavier weight to the more than 1500 individuals who die of cancer every day in this country—more than half of whom die in pain unnecessarily. Moreover, the American Cancer Society believes that the best approach to help cancer patients and reduce and prevent assisted suicide is through the adoption of proactive policies and the provision of resources to prevent and ameliorate pain and suffering in people with cancer, especially for those at the end-of-life.

I appreciate this opportunity to clarify the position of the American Cancer Society on S. 1272.

THE WILDLIFE AND SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the Environment and Public Works Committee's substitute to H.R. 3671, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000.

Chairman YOUNG and others did a tremendous amount of investigative and legislative work to get us to this point, and I want to thank them for all of their efforts. Their original bill passed the House with tremendous bipartisan approval, garnering just two "no" votes.

Senator CRAPO and I took the House bill and strengthened it by providing a sensible level for grants for projects that affect more than one state and

strengthening the provision to ensure states use a reasonable portion of the Pittman-Robertson money to provide hunter education programs. It was introduced as S. 2609 and garnered 14 co-sponsors.

Senators SMITH, CRAPO, BAUCUS, and BOXER worked hard on Senate legislation that everyone can agree on. I appreciate their dedication to that work, and we have produced an excellent product that will bring accountability to a program that represents one-third of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's budget, ensure the hunting and fishing community that the money they pay in excise taxes is being used for its intended purpose, and that the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson programs will continue to be this nation's premier wildlife and fisheries conservation programs.

I encourage all of my colleagues to support this substitute, and I encourage the President of the United States to sign this important piece of legislation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

KANSAN OLYMPIANS

● Mr. BROWBACK. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the athletes from Kansas who participated in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. Each of these athletes contributed in his or her own way to the success of the American Team. It is my pleasure to recognize the following athletes from Kansas for their efforts in the Olympic Games: Maurice Greene, Nathan Leeper, Passion Richardson, Christie Ambrosi, Sarah Noriega, Tara Nott, and Melvin Douglas.

Each of these athletes deserves to be commended on their perseverance and dedication to their respective sports. The devotion of these athletes has been rewarded with the opportunity to represent the United States as Olympic Athletes. Not only have these athletes represented America, but they have also made the citizens of their home State of Kansas proud.

The spirit of these athletes is encouraging and is to be applauded. America's team could not have finished on top without the help of these special Kansans. Every four years the world comes together in this ultimate show of athleticism. These Kansan athletes will be forever a part of this honorable tradition. It gives me great pleasure to recognize the accomplishments of these athletes.

Maurice Greene maintained his role as the fastest man on Earth by winning the Men's 100 meter race. He also helped the 4x100 relay team run their way to another gold medal for the American Team.

Nathan Leeper rose to high aspirations in the high jump competition. After leaving the sport for a short time, Nathan made the ultimate comeback as a member of this Olympic Team.

Passion Richardson helped the women's 4x100m Relay team run their way out of the rounds into the finals. This competition was Passion's Olympic debut and her participation in this event is the epitome of teamwork and dedication.

Christie Ambrosi helped the women's softball team grab the gold medal for America. Her hard work as an outfielder and strong hitting skills brought the team home with gold medals along with their gloves.

As a member of the Women's volleyball team, Sarah Noriega rose beyond the expectations. Sarah helped launch the team into the medal round, proving that the team has a great future ahead.

Tara Nott made Olympic history as the first woman to go home with gold from a Women's Olympic Weightlifting competition. Christie had no problem carrying her gold medal home to Kansas.

Melvin Douglas is no stranger to the Olympic games, as the Sydney competition as his second Olympic appearance. His perseverance in the sport has proven that great athletes can come at any age.

Again, Mr. President, I congratulate these Kansas Athletes on their outstanding accomplishments. All of these athletes have made Kansas and United States of America very proud.●

RECOGNITION OF CLIFFORD
PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA, WIN-
NER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS BLUE
RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise proudly today to congratulate Clifford Pierce Middle School in Merrillville, Indiana for its selection by the U.S. Secretary of Education as one of the nation's outstanding Blue Ribbon Schools. Clifford Pierce Middle School is one of only two Indiana schools, and one of only 198 schools across the country, to be awarded this prestigious recognition.

In order to be recognized as a Blue Ribbon School, Clifford Pierce Middle School met rigorous criteria for overall excellence. The teachers and administration officials demonstrated to the Secretary of Education the qualities necessary to prepare successfully our young people for the challenges of the new century, and proved that the students at Clifford Pierce Middle School effectively met local, state and national goals.

Hoosiers can be very proud of our Blue Ribbon schools. The students and faculty of Clifford Pierce Middle School have shown a consistent commitment to academic excellence and community leadership. Clifford Pierce Middle School has raised the bar for educating our children and for nurturing strong values. This Hoosier school provides a clear example as we work to improve the quality of education in Indiana and across the Nation.●

HONORING A COLUMBINE HERO,
BOY SCOUT EVAN TODD

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to share with my colleagues a pair of statements I recently received from an exceptional young man in Colorado, Mr. Evan Todd of Littleton. Evan was one of the many unfortunate victims of the horrific shooting that took place at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Evan was the first student shot in the library at Columbine High School, and despite his injuries he assisted other students and administered first aid to a seriously wounded peer until emergency services could arrive. Evan, an active Boy Scout, was awarded the prestigious Boy Scouts of America Honor Medal for his inspiring actions. Still a Columbine student, Evan has dedicated a tremendous amount of time to speaking to other students and adults around the nation concerning the problems of youth violence and the cultural influences on American youth. I am honored that Evan took the time to write to me and I ask that a copy of Evan Todd's letter to his fellow Scouts and a copy of a speech he delivered at "The Gathering," a meeting of victims of school violence, be printed in the RECORD.

LITTLETON, CO.

DEAR FELLOW SCOUTS: I have been told that into each life some rain must fall. Some get rained on more than others. The rain that came down on us at Columbine High School was a cloudburst of epic proportions. This act was senseless, tragic and without justification, whatsoever. 13 murdered 25 wounded and 1,951 students youth destroyed. As a student who was shot and wounded in the library, it has changed my life, forever.

I believe that the children of a society are nothing more than the reflection of the society that they are brought into. The event here at Columbine in Littleton Colorado, and the events at Moses Lake Washington, Pearl Mississippi, Jonesboro Arkansas, Edinboro Pennsylvania, Fayetteville Tennessee, Springfield Oregon, Richmond Virginia, Conyers Georgia, Los Angeles California and elsewhere indicate to me that our nation has a serious character flaw. Since the Columbine tragedy, I have tried to stay abreast of the "adult society" debate as to the "why" and "how" of these terrible incidents. The adults debate and argue over what constitutes good and what constitutes evil; what is right and what is wrong. At the time of the Columbine tragedy, our national leader, the President, stated the youth of this nation need to learn to resolve our differences with words, not weapons. At the time this statement was made, we as a nation, were bombing Yugoslavia. They tell us that the youth of this nation need to be more tolerant, kinder, gentler, more understanding. Yet our entertainment, music, TV, movies, games (and actions of) the adult world provides for our consumption are all too often filled with violence, sex, death and destruction. If we were to take into our lives what is provided to us by our society, our actions would also violate the Scout Oath & Law. Other solutions to school violence have been nametags to be carried around our neck as millstones, metal detectors, increased video surveillance, etc. Our nation has always had guns. Our nation has always had children. What our nation hasn't always had is children murdering children and their parents,

and parents murdering their children. The ingreent that has made America different is the last couple of 'adult generations', and their changes towards what is right & wrong, good & evil. It appears to me that our society is confused. The adult world seems as a ship with no rudder being cast around by the wind and storms of our times, with no control or understanding as to why. Many of these storms appear to have been caused by their own accord. It's as if our adult society has no compass, no bearing, no standards for our society. I have found them confused. Even at our age, we can discern the difference between what you say and what you do. . . .

In regard to the solution of watching what comes out of us by monitoring closely our world with surveillance cameras, what we say, how we look, etc., our society needs to watch carefully what goes into us. In my room is a picture of the Grand Teton mountain range in Wyoming. Below the picture is the following:

THE ESSENCE OF DESTINY

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Choose your words, for they become actions. Understand your actions, for they become habits. Study your habits, for they will become your character. Develop your character, for it becomes your destiny."

The good news for those of us that are Scouts is that we are privileged to be a part of an organization that provides us the tools and instructions to put into us that which builds a better person, a better nation. Those tools are called the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Robert Gates, former Director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and our current President of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) recently stated that there is a war going on for the souls of our boys and young men in this nation. He sees clearly. If you are to be a scout, don't be a scout in word only. Learn and practice the Oath & Law in everything you think, say and do. I understand well how hard that can be, but "Do Your Best." To the Boy Scouts of America, thank you for defending our 90-year record and not allowing the Oath & Law to be redefined. As you say, it has stood the test of time. The generation that wants to change the Oath & Law has not stood the test of time. To all the scouts across America that sent me & my troop cards, letters, posters, your thoughts and prayers, thank you from the bottom of my heart. To you here tonight, I bid you *vaya con Dios mi amigos*, God Bless you and God Bless the work you do.

Thank You.

EVAN TODD,
Eagle Scout Troop 989.●

REMARKS BY EVAN TODD AT "THE
GATHERING"

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