

The three men fled the scene immediately after the stabbing. Both David and Lloyd Walker were charged with first-degree assault, possession of a deadly weapon during a felony, felony hate crime, and conspiracy.

I believe that the Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. Federal laws intended to protect individuals from heinous and violent crimes motivated by hate are woefully inadequate. This legislation would better equip the Government to fulfill its most important obligation by providing the resources necessary to adequately investigate and prosecute violent crimes. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

#### WILD SKY WILDERNESS ACT

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise to celebrate a tremendous and hard-fought victory. Today, a week after this Congress approved it overwhelmingly, President Bush signed the public lands bill that includes my Wild Sky Wilderness Act. And I couldn't be more thrilled.

The path to creating the first wilderness in Washington State in more than 20 years has been long and sometimes rocky. But with the President's signature today, we have finally reached the top. Let me tell you, Mr. President, it feels great!

This wilderness designation means that over 106,000 acres of rolling hills, rushing rivers, and low-elevation forest in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will be preserved for generations to enjoy. The bill has been the result of years of hard work by literally dozens of people in my home State of Washington who have been as passionate and excited about this bill as I have been. I could not be more proud of their hard work and enthusiasm. Even when progress seemed impossible, they never lost sight of their goal. They always believed that preserving this incredible land was possible. And this beautiful new wilderness is their reward.

When I spoke on the floor after the Wild Sky bill passed this body, I promised to return once it was signed and thank the many people who have worked so hard with me over the years to make the Wild Sky Wilderness a reality. So I want to begin by thanking Congressman RICK LARSEN. Nine years have passed since the first maps proposing this wilderness were unfurled at a meeting in my Seattle office. I have been working with Congressman LARSEN in the House for more than 7 years on the legislation. And I couldn't have asked for a better partner.

I would like to thank Chairman BINGAMAN and his staff—especially David Brooks and Bob Simon—for their help and unwavering support of Wild Sky throughout the years. I would like to thank Senator MARIA CANTWELL and

Congressman JAY INSLEE for their work in steering Wild Sky through their committees. And thank you to all of the cosponsors from the Washington delegation.

Above all, I want to thank all of the people in Washington State who worked tirelessly to turn their vision into legislation and—finally into law. The following individuals have spent countless hours to make the Wild Sky Wilderness Area a reality: Mike Town, Tom Uniack, Larry Romans, Mark Lawler, Harry Romberg, Norm Winn, Don Parks, Charlie Raines, Jon Owen, John Leary, Michael Carroll, Rick McGuire, Bill and Sue Cross, Bob Hubbard, Conway Leovy, Mark Heckert, Kem Hunter, Aaron Reardon, Peter Jackson, Michelle Ackerman, Jennifer Ekstrom, Doug Scott, Bill Arthur, Doug Walker, Nalani Askov, Dave Sommers, Jennifer Stephens, and Cynthia Wilkerson; as well as Shannon Harps and Karen Fant, whose memories will live on through Wild Sky.

And last but not least, I would like to thank the staff members who have also put their hearts and souls into this bill: John Engber, Karen Waters, Doug Clapp, Jaime Shimek, Jeff Bjornstad, Evan Schatz, Alex Glass, Pete Weissman, Matt McAlvanah, Rick Desimone, Rachele Hein, Christy Gullion, Carrie Desmond, Jennifer Talhelm, Rita Beal, Shawn Bills, Jill McKinnie, Christian Gunter, Louis Lauter, Michael Dabbs, Kim Johnston, Brandon Hall, Amanda Mahnke, Charla Neuman, Abby Levenshus, Tracy Nagelbush, Amit Ronen, and Joel Merkel.

Those of us who live in the Northwest are truly blessed to live so close to such breathtaking natural beauty. The people of Washington State have a great respect for our amazing natural heritage and millions of people spend their weekends hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, and rock-climbing in our many parks and wild lands.

The Wild Sky area is already a popular destination being enjoyed by hundreds of people from across western Washington. And today's wilderness designation means that their children and their grandchildren will be able to enjoy the land just as they do.

Today's designation is a gift to young families, lifelong outdoor enthusiasts, and everyone in between. And I am so glad to see this proposal over the finish line. Now I can't wait to lace up my tennis shoes and take those first steps into the Wild Sky Wilderness!

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO MARGARET AITKEN

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, Mark Twain once said: "20 years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do, than by the things you did do." Well, Mr. Twain had not met Margaret Aitken, the woman I wish to acknowledge today.

Margaret is the youngest of eight children—a born negotiator, advocate, and spirited woman who has dedicated her professional career to excellence in public service. She has served the people of Delaware and the U.S. Senate with distinction.

She began her career in the Senate as a press secretary on my staff at the young age of 27. She came to us with impeccable credentials from the county executive's team and the Department of Education. Her work ethic and energy are surpassed only by her keen wit and disarming use of humor.

Margaret's sense of justice is embedded in her character—a byproduct of her strong faith and commitment to family. Her professional constituency was well served by her 15 years in the public domain. However, Margaret recently decided that there was one constituency that needed her most of all. In August, she and her husband Chris became the proud parents of Ronan William Haggerty, and Margaret is now a full-time mom.

She understood the wisdom and the sentiment in Mark Twain's words and so—she will not be disappointed in hindsight. Margaret, a wordsmith herself, also took George Bernard Shaw to heart: "Perhaps the greatest social service that can be rendered by anyone to this country and to mankind is to bring up a family."

And so I say to you Margaret—bring up that family—in the image and likeness of the best hopes and expectations for a better world. Thank you for your service, goodness, loyalty, honor, and courage. You are a force unto yourself, and you are very appreciated.●

##### TRIBUTE TO VALORIA LOVELAND

• Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Valoria Loveland, who recently stepped down from her position as the director of the Washington State Department of Agriculture. Ms. Loveland has worked in Washington State and local governments for the past 44 years, and she has recently retired to some well-deserved relaxation in her home of Pasco, WA.

Ms. Loveland's career in government began at the Franklin County Courthouse, where she worked before and while she was the county's treasurer. In 1992, she was elected to the State senate, where she swiftly rose to become the chair of the Ways and Means Committee, and the most powerful woman in the Washington State Legislature. After 8 years in the senate, and a brief 2-year break from government, Valoria was appointed director of the Washington State Department of Agriculture, where she served for the last 6 years. In her time as director, Washington's agricultural exports have risen to record highs, in large part, thanks to her leadership. Her multiple trips to China, Japan, and Mexico have extended numerous opportunities to Washington State growers, and I thank her for working towards opening those markets.

Throughout her career, Valoria Loveland has been known for her ability to get things done and solve problems. Never one to shy away from tough issues, her straightforward manner and tireless work ethic have earned her the respect of many.

Ms. Loveland's leadership will be sorely missed in Washington State, which has benefitted greatly from her years of service. I wish her well, and thank her for her dedication to the State of Washington.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT GLENN FREEMAN

● Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, today I wish to praise CMSgt Glenn Freeman, U.S. Air Force, Retired, of Omaha, who was honored on April 26 by the National Guard Association of Nebraska with the Distinguished Service Award. Chief Freeman has worked in my Omaha office as senior aide for military and veterans affairs, assisting servicemembers and their families, for the past 11 years. He is receiving the award in recognition of his dedicated service to the Nebraska National Guard.

Glenn has served the State of Nebraska and our country in a manner that deserves high recognition and our deepest respect. He is a friend and has been invaluable to my office. Over the last 11 years, Glenn has helped thousands of Nebraska's military families with casework and veterans issues. Glenn is an American role model.

Chief Freeman, originally from Washington, DC, served in the Air Force for 30 years, retiring in 1985. His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, four Air Force Commendation medals, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat V, Valor—Device. Chief Freeman served tours in Vietnam, Thailand, Guam, Newfoundland, Korea, Japan, and the Republic of the Philippines.

Prior to joining my staff, Chief Freeman was hospital service coordinator for disabled American veterans. As a senior aide to me, he continues to work closely with veterans service organizations while assisting veterans and military families across Nebraska.

Chief Freeman has served as president of the Omaha Chapter Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, a non-profit organization which seeks to preserve American ideals and principles by helping students become responsible and active citizens. He has additionally served on the Omaha Civil Rights Advisory Committee and as chairman of the Douglas County Republican Party and the Republican Forum. He delivers college lectures across Nebraska as a recognized scholar on the American political process and the U.S. Constitution.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DANNY WOODHEAD

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a young

Nebraskan who recently became a member of the New York Jets, after completing a remarkable 4-year run into the National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, record books as the all-time leading rusher at any level of college football.

Danny Woodhead, a senior tailback for Chadron State College in Nebraska, completed his college football career with 7,962 yards rushing to top the previous all-division record by more than 600 yards.

It is not the only NCAA record set by this native son from North Platte, NE. During the 2006 season, Danny set the single-season record for rushing for all NCAA divisions as he rushed for 2,756 yards on 344 carries. He became the first player in NCAA history to ever rush for more than 2,700 yards in a season.

Danny Woodhead also ranks second in the Nation in career all-purpose yardage, with 9,479 yards. His 109 career touchdowns tie the NCAA record, and his 654 career points rank him second.

For his outstanding football achievements, Danny Woodhead was awarded the Harlon Hill Trophy for the second year in a row. Similar to the Heisman, the Harlon Hill Trophy is given annually to the college football player of the year in NCAA Division II.

The State of Nebraska has a storied college football tradition; but no one has ever witnessed a running back compile the prodigious statistics that Danny Woodhead, a math education major, did during his career with the Eagles. Although he played for a small college in a rural state, his abilities caught the attention of the sporting world.

The people of Nebraska are proud of Danny Woodhead and his remarkable achievements, and we look forward to watching him pursue his dreams in football and beyond.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees. (The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3522. An act to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, May 8, 2008, he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 5919. An act to make technical corrections regarding the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007.

At 12:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5937. An act to facilitate the preservation of certain affordable housing dwelling units.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1853(a) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-53), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism: Mr. Timothy J. Roemer of Great Falls, Virginia, and Ms. Wendy R. Sherman of Bethesda, Maryland.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5937. An act to facilitate the preservation of certain affordable housing dwelling units; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2991. A bill to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices, and for other purposes.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 2996. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the