

specificity. For example, at what point will the United States stop fulfilling its commitments under the agreement framework if there has not been progress in the North-South relations? Just a few days ago, I introduced a resolution, Senate Concurrent Resolution 4 that calls on the executive branch to take steps to ensure that implementation of the agreed framework is linked to the substantive and rapid progress in the dialog between the North and the South.

I hope this resolution is a step in the right direction.

Finally, Mr. President, I think it is appropriate to comment on one of the administration's defenses of the agreed framework. In response to any criticism of the deal itself, the administration response that it was this agreement or war.

Although I know that this is second-guessing, I maintain we could have negotiated a better deal. The agreed framework is a bad deal because we left out the inspections of the two suspected nuclear waste sites. What does North Korea have to hide? We still do not know. The administration walked up to the line with sanctions because of North Korea's refusal to agree to the IAEA inspections of the two suspected nuclear sites.

But then, if you will recall, President Carter went to North Korea and got Kim Il-song to agree to a freeze, which the Clinton administration apparently felt compelled to accept. We lost leverage with our allies, such as China and Japan, to go ahead with the sanctions at a time when, in my opinion, North Korea was ready to collapse from within. It could not depend on the Soviet Union anymore; it could not depend on the Chinese for subsidized oil. They were totally isolated.

Although I readily agree that the North Koreans were desparate and dangerous, I would like my colleague to reflect on the comparison to the Soviet Union. During the cold war, the Soviets were a documented nuclear threat. The Reagan administration, rather than backing down, chose to bring the Soviet Union to its knees in an arms race.

So today we have an isolated and broke North Korea. Moreover, Mr. President, I believe there is a leadership vacuum after the death of Kim Il-song. So who are we helping?

Perhaps we should wait to see if a moderate regime will come forward rather than giving the current totalitarian regime a new life? I believe we are rewarding North Korea's bad behavior, and it sets an unfortunate precedent.

I have indicated previously that I believe that we are bound by agreements executed by our executive branch, even though it is an agreement that, in my judgment, is a poor agreement because it carries a scent of appeasement. But if the administration has to come back to the Congress to

fund it—if South Korea and Japan do not come forward—then as far as this Senator is concerned, all bets are off for this agreement.

I ask unanimous consent that a letter be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
December 9, 1994.

His Excellency KIM JONG IL,
Supreme Leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

EXCELLENCY: As guests in your country, we are writing to express our hopes concerning the evolving relationship between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States of America. It is our hope that this will lead to the resolution of questions concerning the fate of the 8,177 Americans and thousands of other United Nations personnel still unaccounted for following the conflict of 1950-1953 and believed to be missing north of the 38th parallel.

We recognize that determining the fate of these missing service-members will be difficult, as we have seen in attempting to obtain the fullest possible accounting in other countries. Progress will require constant effort and a sincere commitment to resolve this sensitive issue. In this regard, we encourage the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to agree to joint participation by the United States in the recovery of remains of servicemembers still unaccounted for north of the 38th parallel.

The American people take most seriously the obligation for the fullest possible accounting of those who are still missing in action. As senior members of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate, we appreciate the opportunity to communicate directly with you and we urge your best efforts and decisive leadership on this important and serious humanitarian matter.

Sincerely,

PAUL SIMON,
U.S. Senator.
FRANK H. MURKOWSKI,
U.S. Senator.

"MAJOR MOM"—A TRIBUTE TO MAJOR DEBRA BIELY, USMC

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, Congressional fellows are an integral part of our business here on Capitol Hill. They come from throughout the executive branch and bring a wealth of expertise and perspective to their work.

The most recent fellow to serve in my office was not only an outstanding addition to the staff for nearly 2 years, but was rather unique to us in that she was a major in the U.S. Marine Corps. She was also a dedicated mother of two, and became affectionately known among the staff as "Major Mom."

Maj. Debra Biely is a dedicated, intelligent, and extremely articulate professional who quickly became a valued and trusted member of my legislative staff. As a military LA, she worked on the full range of issues relating to national defense and the space program. Her years of experience as a Marine officer, together with her in-depth understanding of the programming and budgeting process, were always evident in

the quality, accuracy, and timeliness of her work.

Major Biely always provided me and my permanent staff with sound, thoughtful analysis of often complex national security issues. She briefed me on such issues as United Nations peacekeeping efforts, the use of Armed Forces in Bosnia, the Marines in Somalia, and the operational control of American forces in international coalitions.

I learned to completely trust her judgment. She often represented me in meetings with constituents, defense contractors, veterans groups, and military program managers. In so doing, Debra was an impressive representative of the Marine Corps to a broad spectrum of people, both within and outside the Government.

She is an excellent writer and researcher. Debra's work during the 1993 Base Closure Commission hearings proved invaluable as she helped prepare me to protect the Nation's only live-agent chemical training facility. She assisted in getting several major programs through the authorization and appropriations processes.

Yes, Maj. Debra Biely is the consummate military professional, and conducted herself as such while serving in my office. But she is also a warm, friendly, and outgoing person, who come to be emulated by the rest of my staff. This "Major Mom" is also thoroughly and completely devoted to her husband and children, and we often marveled at how she could do such a superb job in the office and still devote so much of herself to her family. She was also a tremendous follower of current events, and often was the first to know of major stories in the news. I should add that "Major Mom" only recently completed her master of business administration degree. She truly is one of those modern women who manage to do it all and do all of it well.

Perhaps what we will remember most about Debra's work, and what I personally appreciate the most, is her leadership in the battle to save the International Space Station. She proved to be a committed and tireless worker on this important cause. Her persistent efforts helped pave the way for an overwhelming vote of support for the station in this body. She was recognized by Vice President GORE for her efforts in this regard.

In short, we were fortunate to have Debra on our staff, and, frankly, I wish she could have stayed longer. Her demonstration of loyalty, integrity, and commitment all reflected well on the U.S. Marine Corps, indeed on the entire Armed Forces of our country. Major Biely is a shining example of the quality and professionalism that characterize the ranks of our military personnel today, as well as a significant reminder of the important role that women play in our national defense.