

both bills to support robust funding of the Commercial Remote Sensing Program to enable a \$10 billion commercial remote sensing industry by 2010. He assisted greatly in the economic development in the State of Mississippi by bringing Aerospace companies and Mississippi Economic Development officials together.

Mr. Nunez worked with former Congressman G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery to enhance the educational benefits of the Montgomery G.I. bill through S. 1402, the "Veterans and Dependents Millennium Education Act." He also worked with the Veterans Administration to open more Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Mississippi.

Mr. Nunez began his aerospace career as a contract engineer supporting the Space Shuttle Main Engine Test Program at NASA's Stennis Space Center shortly after graduating from Mississippi State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He joined NASA as a systems engineer supporting various propulsion development programs at Stennis Space Center, including the Space Transportation Main Engine and Space Shuttle Main Engine. He then took on additional responsibilities as Chief Engineer for various component and hybrid motor development test programs, including the first ever successful tests of a turbopump-fed hybrid motor. His next challenge was project lead for test program support of Boeing's Phase I Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Low Cost Concept Validation Program. The test program support was completed under budget and ahead of schedule. This program demonstrated water recovery of a Space Shuttle Main Engine propulsion module and culminated in a successful hot fire test after the propulsion module was dropped into the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Nunez is no stranger to Washington, D.C. where he served a one year detail to the Associate Administrator for the Office of Space Flight at NASA Headquarters. Prior to starting his Congressional Fellowship, Mr. Nunez served as X-33 Project Manager at Stennis Space Center where he was responsible for all reusable launch vehicle initiatives there totaling \$35 million. As X-33 Project Manager, he led a team of engineers and technicians in the successful test firing of the X-33 Linear Aerospike Engine, whose success has been a major highlight of the X-33 Program.

A native Mississippian, Mr. Nunez is married to the former Cynthia Marlene Cuevas of Leetown, Mississippi. They have one son, Stephen C. Nunez, II. Mr. Nunez is a registered Professional Engineer in Mississippi who looks forward to returning to the NASA team. I will truly miss his talents and expertise, and wish him all the very best as he helps NASA's efforts to advance human space flight in the 21st century.

#### VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Columbine tragedy, but still this Republican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read the names of some of those who have lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is in session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

October 24, 1999:  
Yvetta Boyland, 30, Memphis, TN;  
Andy Carr, 18, Atlanta, GA;  
Chun Man Choi, 27, New Orleans, LA;  
Javier Cortez, 29, Houston, TX;  
Anthony Jackson, 38, Dallas, TX;  
Ricky Harris, 22, Oakland, CA;  
Mary Mata, 16, Fort Worth, TX;  
Matthew Nimene, 39, Minneapolis, MN;

Robert D. Steward, 29, Chicago, IL;  
and  
Jones Tiran, 21, Dallas, TX.

Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

October 20, 1999:  
Rossi Anderson, 37, Houston, TX;  
Melvin Axler, 75, Miami-Dade County, FL;  
Steve Gaitan, 19, Miami-Dade County, FL;  
Michael Hanton, 24, Philadelphia, PA;

Darrion Johnson, 28, Chicago, IL;  
Roasiare Morneault, 58, Hollywood, FL;  
Rafel Stokes, 41, Detroit, MI;  
Carlos Thomas, 23, Washington, DC;  
Richard Washington, 20, Chicago, IL;  
Manuel Watkins, 14, Dallas, TX;  
Betty Weaver, 56, Detroit, MI;  
Albert Winters, 24, Washington, DC;  
Shavon Young, 16, Irvington, NJ; and  
Unidentified male, San Francisco, CA.

October 21, 1999:  
Alexander Bednar, 87, Seattle, WA;  
Kwame Bellentine, 24, Miami-Dade County, FL;

Calvin Berry, 29, Detroit, MI;  
Antonio Davis, 20, Washington, DC;  
Jerry Dodd, 35, Chicago, IL;  
Vivian C. Geary, 72, New Orleans, LA;  
Devon Gross, 19, Wilmington, DE;  
Judith Herbert, 57, Denver, CO;  
Orlando Jones, 24, St. Louis, MO;  
Edward Morris, 29, Atlanta, GA;  
Marilyn Starr, 42, Dallas, TX;  
Nichole Thomas, 19, St. Louis, MO;  
Richard Wilson, 27, St. Louis, MO;

and  
Kirk C. Wint, 25, Chicago, IL.

October 22, 1999:  
Antonio Crawley, 20, Houston, TX;  
Juan Maldonado, 38, Chicago, IL;  
David Marshall, 18, Washington, DC;  
Thomas McEvoy, 47, Miami-Dade County, FL;

Martin McCinigley, 35, Philadelphia, PA;

Tita-Marie Murray, 36, Washington, DC;

Huey M. Rich, 29, Chicago, IL;  
Eugene Richardson, 20, Baltimore, MD;

Timothy Spain, 22, Atlanta, GA;  
Donald Storeball, 20, Detroit, MI;  
Unidentified Male, 37, Honolulu, HI;

and  
Unidentified Male, 36, Newark, NJ.

October 23, 1999:

Juan Castellanos, 29, Dallas, TX;  
Deandre Clark, 4, Gary, IN;  
Clyde K. Edwards, 23, Oklahoma City, OK;

Lu Hu, 24, Houston, TX;  
Walter Joseph Kurtz, 45, Baltimore, MD;

Timothy Lockett, 32, Baltimore, MD;  
Timothy Massey, 26, Baltimore, MD;  
Juan Pina, 28, Dallas, TX; and  
Walter L. Weber, 77, North Little Rock, AR.

We cannot sit back and allow such senseless gun violence to continue. The deaths of these people are a reminder to all of us that we need to enact sensible gun legislation now.

#### COMMENDING SOUTH DAKOTA FARM, CONSERVATION, WILDLIFE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to offer sincere thanks and gratitude for the cooperation and leadership demonstrated this year in South Dakota by a large coalition of farm, conservation, wildlife, and environmental groups in my great State. These groups have taken an almost unprecedented step to cooperate in solving a problem concerning the treatment of wetlands in the context of production agriculture in South Dakota.

Their cooperation led to the adoption of a pilot project—the Conservation of Farmable Wetland Act of 2000—negotiated through Congress by Senator DASCHLE and me whereby farmed wetlands in a six-state region can become eligible for enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

When it comes to conservation policy and the federal farm program, many issues are hotly debated. Perhaps nowhere has this become more evident than in the administration and policy implications of managing wetlands on farmground in South Dakota and the entire country. A real battle over the management of farmed wetlands has waged over the years between farmers—who own and farm the productive land where these wetlands are located—and conservation groups—who believe these wetlands should be maintained in their natural state.

Earlier this year, over thirty South Dakota groups struck an agreement in principle regarding the treatment of wetlands with some constructive ideas to signify a cease fire of sorts in this battle over the management of wetlands. Their agreement in principle expressed support for financial assistance