

Sharing this experience with Bill Cohen is his wife, Janet Langhart Cohen. She has been equally enthusiastic in her role supporting him—and military personnel throughout the world—as a “First Lady of the Pentagon.”

Janet Langhart Cohen’s tireless and selfless work for our men and women in uniform, and their families, has been remarkable. She has been committed to making sure that the American people’s hearts and minds are fully joined with those who are wearing the uniform. Thanks to Janet Langhart Cohen, soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines have come to know how much they are appreciated by their fellow Americans.

To this end, Janet Langhart Cohen called on the USO—and their volunteer entertainers—to bring the message from the homefront to our forward deployed military men and women. She recognized that the USO helped those in the military who are far from home give in to laughter rather than give way to loneliness and despair. With the USO, Janet Langhart Cohen reinvigorated the spirit of our warriors.

Understanding the important relationship between the men and women of the Armed Forces and the USO, Janet Langhart Cohen led the effort to build a lasting exhibit to the USO in the Pentagon. Thanks to her, the tribute was unveiled just a few short weeks ago. To many, she is now also recognized as the “First Lady of the USO.”

Together, Bill and Janet have been a dynamic team. They have tackled many of the problems facing military families today. They have also circled the globe together to demonstrate their combined conviction and support for our men and women in uniform wherever they are deployed. Only recently, Bill and Janet completed their third trip to Kosovo since the June 1999 end of the air campaign.

In our brief years, Secretary Cohen, through tireless work, study, and travel, has continued to develop his already formidable understanding of global, economic and national security issues. And as had been the case during his 24 years of service in the Congress, Secretary Cohen’s conviction for supporting the troops continued without question.

Anyone who has been privileged to serve in the Department of Defense, especially as the “Top Gun,” knows there is no more difficult a job in the Executive Branch of our government. Bill Cohen earned his place in history, alongside the best, and the men and women in uniform render a respectful “hand salute.”

#### VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mrs. BOXER. 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.

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Jerome Anderson, 26, Washington, DC; Danta Dandridge, 17, Washington, DC; Diane Gibbs, 39, Atlanta, GA; Jimmy Gibbs, 21, Atlanta, GA; Kasma Hall, 18, Miami-Dade County, FL; Byron Johnson, 21, Pittsburgh, PA; Antoine Omar, 19, Boston, MA; Glenn Roundtree, 29, Chicago, IL; Oscar Segura Nieto-Lopez, 32, St. Paul, MN; Ricky Truss, 27, Detroit, MI; William Wilder, 39, New Orleans, LA; Venis Woods, 29, Philadelphia, PA; and Unidentified Male, 24, Newark, NJ.

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.

#### TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN JULIAN DIXON

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise in tribute to a friend and colleague, Julian Dixon. Congressman Dixon honorably represented the 32nd District of California for more than 22 years. Julian and I were members of the Congressional Freshman Class of 1978. It was my pleasure to serve with him for more than two decades.

Everyone in the Senate knew him and I know no member of the House or Senate who did not like him, as well as respect him. His life exemplified public service and his actions were always motivated by truth, justice and compassion. He was without question a Distinguished Gentleman.

During his tenure in office, Congressman Dixon accomplished many things. He was always magnanimous in victory and gracious in defeat and accepted difficult assignments, such as the Chairmanship of the House Ethics Committee in 1989. It is a responsibility that few members seek and only the most selfless accept. Congressman Dixon did so, and the House of Representatives is a better place for his service.

From 1957 to 1960, he served as an enlisted man in the United States Army, rising to the rank of sergeant. This experience made him a life long advocate for the men and women in the Armed Forces. He understood their hardships and needs as well as any member of the Congress. The military services have lost a good friend.

At the conclusion of the Cold War, our defense expenditures were cut dramatically. Literally, hundreds of military installations, large and small, around the Nation were slated for closure. Thousands of small businesses de-

pendent entirely, or mostly on work generated by the defense industry, and they were in danger of failure.

In an effort to help these businesses, Congressman Dixon sponsored legislation to assist small businesses in making the difficult transition to new markets. His efforts saved innumerable small businesses from going under and now many are thriving because of his foresight and stewardship. Most recently he was the very able Ranking Member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He was a voice of reason and restraint in an arena that often lends itself to hyperbole and grandstanding. Julian served his country well in this capacity.

Congressman Dixon was known for his intelligence, political savvy and strong character. While Julian surely had much left to accomplish, he truly made a difference while he walked among us. He was a family man and a man of the people. He will be missed. Our prayers are with his family, friends and people he served so well.

#### DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT ACT OF 2000

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague, Senator HATCH, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, to comment on a provision of the recently enacted omnibus children’s health legislation (H.R. 4365; Public Law 106-310) that established a number of excellent children’s health programs. The bill also included important new legislation, the Drug Addiction Treatment Act [DATA], which I authored along with Senator HATCH, working with our colleagues Senators BIDEN and MOYNIHAN. It will make a revolutionary difference in the way in which we battle heroin and other opiate addiction.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, my colleague from Michigan is correct. Additionally, as my colleagues are aware, the bill reauthorized the operation of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and established and reinforced penalties for illegal manufacture, sale, and possession of certain illicit drugs.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, when implemented, the DATA bill, as we call it, will change significantly the way opiate addiction is addressed by allowing qualified physicians, for the first time, to prescribe in their private offices, substances which block the craving for heroin and otherwise address this deadly addiction.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, as Senator LEVIN knows, the DATA bill includes a provision similar to one applicable for many years to both the Medicaid and Medicare programs, which makes clear that basic decisions about the way medicine is practiced are to be made by physicians and patients, not by the federal government.

Mr. LEVIN. In other words, it is our intent that with respect to the amendments to the Controlled Substances