

of New Hampshire, whose dedication to public service has earned him the respect and admiration of a grateful nation. On January 8th of this year, Senator Rudman was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal which recognizes exemplary service by a citizen of the United States. The medal recognizes Senator Rudman for co-authoring the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction law that requires automatic spending cuts if annual deficit targets are missed.

Senator Rudman served in the United States Army as a combat platoon leader and company commander during the Korean conflict. After graduating from Boston College Law school, he returned to New Hampshire to practice law and was later appointed Attorney General of the State.

Senator Rudman serves as Chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and was also appointed to serve as Vice Chairman of the Commission on Roles and Capabilities of the United States Intelligence Community.

During his distinguished twelve years in the Senate, Senator Rudman established a record of independence. While a member of the Senate, he served on the Ethics Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, where he was active on the Subcommittees on Defense and Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary.

Warren Rudman is an exemplary citizen who has dedicated himself to serving the people of New Hampshire and our country for over three decades. He continues to selflessly give of his time within the community and serves on the Board of Trustees of Boston College, Valley Forge Military Academy, the Brookings Institution and the Aspen Institute.

The people of our state and country look to Senator Rudman with tremendous gratitude and admiration for all that he has done. It has been a pleasure and privilege of mine to have worked with a leader as extraordinary as Warren Rudman. Warren, it is an honor to represent you in the United States Senate.

RETIREMENT OF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE, HON. BRETT DORIAN

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to recognize Judge Brett Dorian as he retires after almost 12 years as a United States Bankruptcy Judge in Fresno, California.

Brett Dorian's legal career reflects a long and honorable commitment to public service. His dedication spans more than three decades, beginning with his service in the United States Air Force. Upon graduation from Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley Mr. Dorian helped and assisted the underprivileged in Central California as a legal aid lawyer. He then went on to a distinguished career in private practice where he specialized in bankruptcy law

and served as a bankruptcy trustee for many years.

In 1988, Judge Dorian was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court in Fresno. He served as a Bankruptcy Judge for almost 12 years. Judge Dorian served an eight county area in Central California. Judge Dorian has long been known as a thorough, dedicated and compassionate judge. Throughout his judicial career, he was diligent in carefully balancing the law in his cases and protecting the rights of those who appear before him.

Judge Dorian has served the people of California as well as all Americans with great distinction. I am honored to pay tribute to him today and I encourage my fellow colleagues to join me in wishing Judge Brett Dorian continued happiness as he embarks on new endeavors.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, on New Year's Day, the Governor of Michigan signed into law a bill to take discretion away from local gun boards in issuing concealed gun licenses. The new law, scheduled to take effect on July 1st of this year, would increase the number of concealed handgun licenses in our state by 200,000 to 300,000—a ten-fold increase.

The concealed weapons law is being challenged by a coalition of law enforcement and community groups across our state called the People Who Care About Kids. This coalition is working to obtain 151,000 signatures needed to suspend the implementation of the law and put the issue before voters in 2002.

Other groups in our state are also working along side the coalition to keep our streets and our communities safe. One such group is the Detroit-based Save Our Sons And Daughters, SOSAD. I ask unanimous consent to print an article in the RECORD from the Detroit News about SOSAD to show what they are doing to fight the concealed weapons bill and to keep our children safe from gun violence.

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

[From The Detroit News, Jan. 30, 2001]

NEW STATE GUN LAW ALARMS SOSAD GROUP
REDOUBLES EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN
(By Rhonda Bates-Rudd)

DETROIT—After 14 years of helping hundreds of grieving families, who've lost a loved one as a result of homicide, suicide, disease and natural death, Clementine Barfield, founder and president of the nonprofit, Detroit-based Save Our Sons and Daughters, says the organization is facing a new challenge.

Michigan's latest concealed gun legislation, which limits the power of county gun boards to deny gun permits, has moved the group to turn up the heat in their efforts to promote peace.

Homicide is among the leading causes of death for African-American youths, recent data compiled by the Michigan Department of Community Health said.

"Homicide is real and the effects on children in our community is immeasurable," Barfield said. "People should not believe that they are immune to this type of tragedy. Many children already have a false confidence in weapons, as evidenced by reports of their use of guns and violence in the news. If ever there was a right time to promote peace in our community, the time is now."

In March, the group's mothers will reveal their new image, a white kerchief and arm band, which is both a symbol of their grief and desire for peace.

The nonprofit group, which also honors other groups that help the grieving after deadly tragedies, is seeking corporate and community sponsorship to develop programs and activities for youth that will promote nonviolence. The organization also is in need of volunteers willing to make a long-term service commitment to perform an array of administrative tasks, as well as spread the message of peace to youth who, often, enlist the use of violence and handguns to settle disputes.

USHER IN MORE DEATH

Save Our Sons and Daughters member Cheryl Ross, her husband and their four children moved to the suburbs after her son, DeWunn Carter, 23, was shot to death in 1977 at a Coney Island Restaurant on Chicago near Evergreen, just a few steps from the front door of their former home.

"I believe this new law will make it easier for more people to get their hands on guns and keep them concealed, which will make it easier for more youth to get their hands on weapons," Ross said. "I think this new law is just a platform to usher in more death."

Ross, who lives in Redford Township, has a better look than most at the toll homicide takes. She is a SOSAD liaison assigned to the Detroit Police Department Homicide Unit, along with Linda Barfield and Vera Rucker.

Working in the homicide division, contacting victim's families and helping them has been therapeutic, Ross said.

Liaisons almost daily receive a list of homicides they use to create a file that includes basic information about the family, such as phone number, address and the number of family members. Serving as go-betweens, they contact the families and offer the group's counseling and support group services. They also provide families with information about the case and how the process works.

"If they are grieving and just need someone to talk to, we are here for that, too, because as many of the SOSAD staffers are mothers who've lost children, we understand what they are going through," Ross said.

Victim liaison Rucker, who has been with SOSAD since its inception, said "No one can understand what you're going through—the grief, anger, anguish and frustration—unless they've lost a child to homicide."

Her daughter, Melody "Poochie" Rucker, 14, was shot and killed on Detroit's west side by random gunfire at a back-to-school party for Benedictine High School students in 1986.

Police Inspector William Rice, commanding officer for the Detroit police homicide unit, has been a law enforcer for 31 years. He said, without a doubt, the group's 3-year-old victim liaison office at the First precinct has been a new tool to help in the aftermath of homicide.

"After a homicide, the family is usually confronted by a lot of social and economic issues, such as how and why the crime was committed, and then they almost immediately have to deal with funeral planning and burial expenses," Rice said. "SOSAD members avail themselves to assist families with whatever it is they need."

"The volunteers can bring the compassion element that police officers cannot offer because their (the police) job is to solve the crime by asking a lot of questions that may make family members uncomfortable and, many times, the clues to solving a crime may lead us back to the family," Rice said.

Barfield, a former City of Detroit accounting department employee, said she was always troubled by reports of the growing number of Detroit youth who were shot and, often, fatally wounded by handguns.

The 1986 death of her son, Derick, 16, and that of many other Detroit youth moved Barfield to create the organization which has been featured in newspapers and magazines across the country, including *Essence*, *Ebony* and *People* magazines.

HUNDREDS HELPED

In the last 14 years, the group has helped hundreds of families through the grieving process with counseling and support groups that meet weekly.

There also is a 24-hour crisis hotline in which volunteers provide immediate response to families in need.

Since 1988, the group has held an annual public memorial service that is open to anyone wanting to light a candle in memory of someone killed. This year's service will be held from 4-6 p.m. March 17 at the Cobo Center.

The group also hosts an annual appreciation breakfast, usually during National Crime Victim Rights week, the last week in April, to give accolades and the Angel of Mercy Award to emergency room medical staff, homicide investigators, funeral directors and morgue personnel.

NOMINATION OF GALE NORTON

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I rise in support of the nomination of Gale Norton as this country's next Interior Secretary.

While I have some disagreements with some of Ms. Norton's positions, I believe that she represented herself well in the nomination hearings that we held in the Energy Committee.

I indicated during those hearings that if I felt she were another James Watt I could never vote for her "in a million years." I say that because, two decades ago, James Watt came to town as a newly appointed Interior Secretary and very quickly began to take both positions and actions that were, in my opinion, destructive to the interests that I value with respect to the stewardship of public lands in our country. Because Gale Norton was a protegee of James Watt, and because she has spoken and written extensively on a range of issues, we questioned her very closely during her confirmation hearing on a wide range of important issues that will confront the new Secretary of the Interior.

Her responses to some tough inquiries during the hearings demonstrated to me that she is qualified to be Interior Secretary and that the views she holds, while in some cases controversial, are well within the norm of the political discussions we're having in Washington about a wide range of these issues.

I want Gale Norton to do an excellent job as Interior Secretary and pledge my cooperation to help make that hap-

pen. At the same time, I want her to know that those of us on the Energy Committee take very seriously the representations she made during the confirmation hearings on a wide range of matters. She will find those of us on the Committee who have now voted for her confirmation to be helpful in her job of meeting the stewardship responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior. But she should understand that she will find us to be severe critics if the representations she made to us during the Committee hearings turn out to be not in keeping with the way she conducts herself as Interior Secretary.

I will be particularly interested in working with Ms. Norton on several issues important to North Dakota and the Nation. For example, I will work to ensure that Ms. Norton provides protection for our National Parks, public lands and environmentally-sensitive areas.

Native Americans are particularly important to me. During the hearing, Ms. Norton said she respects tribal sovereignty. She should adopt a cooperative approach to include the relevant tribal stakeholders in policy and regulatory decision making. She also committed to work with us to make progress in meeting the critical funding needs for tribal schools and colleges.

I will count on Ms. Norton to adopt a sound scientific basis for her policy decisions on actions pertaining to endangered species, the global climate, energy issues and more.

Again, I wish her well and pledge my cooperation as she begins her duties following her confirmation today. She clearly has the skill and capability to do well as Interior Secretary if she pursues a balanced set of policies that conform to the positions she took when she appeared before our Committee.

TRIBUTE TO TERRY BRAGG

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a brave and hard-working Ohioan by the name of Terry Bragg. Terry has been a life-long resident of McConnellsville, where he has spent the last 39 years as a member of the Malta-McConnellsville Fire Department. During nearly 40 years of tireless dedication to his community, Terry has served as a firefighter, Assistant Fire Chief, and for the last 32 years, as the department's Fire Chief.

I recognize Terry today for his commitment to protecting his community from devastating fires. People like Terry Bragg, who risk their lives daily on our behalf, command great respect and deserve our deep and sincere thanks.

I cannot overstate just how important Terry's job of fire fighting and prevention education is to our families and communities. Overall, fire is responsible for killing more Americans than all natural disasters combined. Every 18 seconds, a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the

United States. In 1998, there were 4,035 civilian fire deaths—that's one death every 130 minutes. And sadly, many of those who die each year in fires are children.

To help support Terry and every firefighter in Ohio and across America as they work to protect our families and children, I sponsored the Firefighter Investment Act, which provides a vital federal investment to the courageous men and women who make up our local fire departments. I am please do report that we successfully included my bill as a provision in the recently-passed Fiscal Year 2001 Department of Defense Appropriations bill. The funding that will be made available as a result will help local fire departments and firefighters, just like Terry Bragg and the Malta-McConnellsville Fire Department, to continue carrying out their life-saving missions.

Over the years, Terry Bragg has received many, many awards and special recognitions. He has received three medals for bravery, and in 1997, the Ohio Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars named him "Ohio Firefighter of the Year." He received the Bob and Delores Hope "Good Samaritan Award," the "M&M Firefighter of the Year Award," and the Ohio Masonic Grand Master's "Community Service Award."

Not only is Terry a dedicated Fire Chief, he is a strong community leader; volunteer; businessman; and loving husband, father, and grandfather. Indeed, Terry Bragg is a role model for whom we all can be proud.

I thank him for his past, present, and future service to his community, to Ohio, and to our nation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND COMMUNITIES INVOLVED IN THE APPREHENSION OF THE TEXAS SEVEN

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today I want to take a few minutes to recognize the efforts of everyone involved in the capture of the Texas fugitives that ended one of the largest manhunts this national has ever seen. As you know, the last two of the seven Texas inmates that escaped from a maximum security prison in Kenedy, Texas on December 13th surrendered on January 24th in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This can be attributed to the exemplary work done by the local and federal law enforcement agencies involved as well as the communities of Woodland Park and Colorado Springs. This was a cooperative effort that saw the pooling of all the resources available and resulted in a peaceful conclusion.

There cannot be enough said about the work that was done by the law enforcement agencies involved. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, The Colorado Springs office of the Bureau of Alcohol and Firearms, the U.S. Marshals