

holders on grounds other than those provided in the TRIPS Agreement and Paris Convention. In other words, in order to defend Section 211 the U.S. argued that TRIPS is limited in its scope. These arguments were not only contrary to long-established U.S. international intellectual property policy objectives; they could ultimately invite arbitrary treatment and abuse of U.S. brand names overseas.

The only appropriate response to the WTO decision is to repeal Section 211 in its entirety. Repealing Section 211 will underscore that the United States abides by its international commitments. It will safeguard U.S. intellectual property rights in foreign markets, remove the threat of retaliation against U.S. exports, and restore U.S. leadership in the fight to secure strong protection and enforcement for intellectual property rights worldwide.

I call on the administration to work with the Congress to quickly repeal Section 211 in its entirety to restore the U.S. to its rightful place as the world's guardian of intellectual property rights.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred August 10, 1996 in Portsmouth, NH. A gay man was attacked outside a nightclub. The attackers, three men, yelled anti-gay epithets while they assaulted the victim.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHOOTING AT SANTANA HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today marks the one-year anniversary of the tragic shooting at Santana High School in Santee, CA. This shooting claimed the lives of two innocent teenagers: Brian Zuckor and Randy Gordon, and sent an entire community into mourning.

The community of students, faculty, family and friends at Santana High School is still mourning. The healing process is difficult and long, and I offer my thoughts, condolences, and support to the entire community. I look with great respect at the way they have reacted to this senseless act of violence;

both immediately, in the aftermath of the shootings, and in the year that has followed. Youth and adults alike have shown great compassion, strength and bravery in coping with this tragic event.

To commemorate this one-year anniversary, the school held a "Santana Safe School Tribute 5k Run/Walk" on Saturday morning. Proceeds from the walk will benefit the creation of Santana's Community/Family Resource Center, a center aimed at providing youths the physical, emotional and intellectual support they need. In addition, Santana High School will have a day of private remembrance today, with a flag ceremony in the main quad, a moment of silence, and a luncheon for the entire school community.

On this day, the anniversary of Santana High School's shooting, I once again extend my support for the families and friends affected by the tragedy. I offer special condolences and thoughts to the Zuckor and Gordon families. I assure them that I continue to hold this incident close to my heart as I fight to pass common sense gun legislation, put police officers in schools, and keep our children and communities safe.

GOD BLESS THE USA

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following poem, "God Bless the USA," written by Ms. Debbie Rogers of Danville, AR, be printed in the RECORD.

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

GOD BLESS THE USA

Twin Towers once stood regally, but Majestic in the sky,

Pure evil took them down today, Americans stand and cry.

Two planes marked for death, As the world observes them crash,

Once Titanic against the skyline, now scattered in debris and ash.

Four planes all together, carrying innocent lives on each one,

Leaving disbelief and carnage, when the Hellish Butchers were done.

There was no kind of warning, no message did they send,

And total devastation, is so hard to comprehend.

Emergency Crews work frantically, keeping hope always alive,

They dig with bleeding hands, Praying someone does survive.

Thousands hurt and missing, death lingers in the air,

Families in such torment, the world mourns in deep despair.

Our whole world has been disrupted, As we watch the Breaking News,

Praying they find survivors, and all the missing clues.

We need closure for the Families, and Justice for Us all,

We'll deal with this catastrophe, As Americans we stand tall.

We're proud to be Americans, We won't take this without a fight,

We won't cease in determination, till this wrong is made a right.

We'll rise above the smoke and ash, remembrance in Our heart,

Of all the innocent Families, these Monsters tore apart.

Now vengeance seems to call, like a beacon in the night,

God forgive Our thoughts, two wrongs don't make a right.

But we'll stand on Honor and Justice, there'll be a reckoning day,

This deed won't go unpunished, God Bless The U.S.A.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SPINE FOUNDATION "THE ART OF GIVING"

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, on March 6, 2002, the Children's Spine Foundation will hold its Fourth Annual Gala, "The Art of Giving." I would like to take a moment to inform the Senate of the organization's great work.

Spinal deformities present a serious health problem for many children each year, and many cases are life threatening. The Children's Spine Foundation helps detect spinal deformities early and treats them effectively. The foundation has helped save many lives.

Founded in 1994 by Dr. Thomas and Salma Haider, the Children's Spine Foundation provides much needed services to people in the Riverside and San Bernardino communities who might not otherwise have access to quality spinal health care.

The foundation connects children in need with renowned orthopedic surgeons at local hospitals. It also provides screening for spinal abnormalities and raises awareness through educational programs, health fairs, workshops and conferences.

I would like to express a special word of commendation to Dr. and Mrs. Haider, whose care and compassion have made the Children's Spine Foundation a reality. CSF would not be the wonderful foundation it is today without their guidance and vision. They are truly the pioneers behind CSF's important mission.

I send my best wishes to the Children's Spine Foundation on the special day of its annual gala event, and wish the staff and volunteers much continued success.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE "DOC" HOWARD

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in praising the entrepreneurial spirit of Mike "Doc" Howard of Lebanon, KY. Mr. Howard was recently named the Outstanding Businessperson of 2001 by the Lebanon/Marion County Chamber of Commerce for his progressive economic vision and innovative genius.

Doc Howard received his first lesson in economics from his Uncle Howard when he was just 12 years of age. Doc was put to work by his uncle at the Arista Theater, Lebanon Drive-In, and

local gas station, where he ran the projector, operated the grill, and pumped the gas. At a young age, Doc Howard seemed to firmly grasp the simple but often elusive concept of saving money in order to make money. This economic axiom has stuck with him ever since his days of flipping burgers and pumping gas.

In the early 1970s, Howard, with the help of several business partners, opened a printing business and so began his career as an entrepreneur for Marion County. Since then, Doc has been fiscally involved in all of the following industries: entertainment, carpentry, real-estate, lumber, agriculture, produce, retail and restaurant. He has owned drive-ins, built houses, sold houses, owned grocery stores and delis, and even found time to become a farmer. Currently, Doc is attempting to build on his previous successes and bring even greater economic opportunities to the residents of Marion County. He recently bought the Lincoln Heritage Shopping Center, which now includes Sears, Dollar General, Central Kentucky Staffing, an Italian restaurant, a physical therapist, and a tobacco store. The people of Marion County will definitely benefit from these quality additions. Since the early 1970s, Doc Howard has diligently committed his efforts to making Lebanon/Marion County a more attractive place to do business. He deserves our praise for being a pillar of capitalism.

I congratulate Mr. Howard on his award and thank him for investing his time and money into the future of Marion County.●

TRIBUTE TO NEW NATIONAL FARMERS UNION PRESIDENT DAVE FREDERICKSON

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Dave Frederickson as the recently elected National Farmers Union, NFU, president. During the National Farmers Union 100th anniversary convention, delegates chose a true leader for their future in Mr. Frederickson. Family farmers and ranchers across America can rest assured that Dave will continue his commitment to them in his new role.

Dave brings 11 years of experience as the Minnesota Farmers Union, MFU, president to his new post. Not only is Dave committed to sustain family farmers and ranchers, he also holds the education of youth to a high standard. After graduating from St. Cloud State University with a degree in education, Dave spent 8 years teaching special education children. The Farmers Union philosophy regards education as one of their three most important principles. Having a leader with Dave's background and experience, the national organization is sure to continue its legacy of teaching our youth.

From 1986 to 1992, Dave served as a State senator in the Minnesota legislature. During this period, he served on a

number of committees, including the rural development committee, the education committee, and the governmental operations committee. Because of Dave's commitment to rural development and legislation that he supported, the ethanol industry has become a primary rural development tool in Minnesota. Dave continued his commitment to rebuilding and strengthening rural communities while president of MFU. The experience that he brings to the table can only ensure that one of the most effective general farm organizations in America is in good hands.

Dave has made his first priority as president of NFU to see a good farm bill passed out of conference committee. He said, "Farmers Union has worked hard throughout the House and Senate farm bill process, and we have much more work ahead of us, let's go back to Washington and work for a farm bill so that when you go back into your fields, you will know what kind of support you have behind you."

I look forward to working with Dave on issues that not only affect South Dakota, but the entire fabric of rural America. The members of Farmers Union elected a true public servant, a leader with integrity, vision, and commitment. Again, congratulations to Dave Frederickson on his accomplishments of the past, and his commitment to the future of rural America in his new role as National Farmers Union president.●

THE DEATH OF LT. COL. HENRY "HANK" BARROWS, USAF, RET.

● Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a great American patriot, Hank Barrows. Hank passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 11 at his home in Washington, DC. My deepest sympathies go out to his wife, Suzanne, and his sons, Geoffrey and Brian.

Born in Bremerhaven, Germany on September 9, 1946, Hank emigrated with his family to the United States in 1960, settling in Westfield, NJ. Following his graduation from Westfield High School, Hank was accepted by Rutgers University, where he graduated in 1964 with a bachelors of arts degree in German.

Trained as a navigator following his graduation from Air Force Officers Candidate School, OCS, in 1969, Hank served two tours in Vietnam. In his first tour, Hank served as a EWO on a C-130 gunship and the second as a B-52 EWO during the Linebacker II Operations over North Vietnam. It was on December 19, 1972, during one of the Linebacker missions, that Hank was shot down and taken prisoner by the North Vietnamese. Hank was held prisoner in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" until his release on March 29, 1973. After being released by the Vietnamese, he was assigned to the 343rd Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base as an Electronic

Intelligence intercept officer on the RC-135s.

His next assignment was to the 7575 Operations Group Operating Location A Support Squadron stationed at Rhein Main Air Force Base, Frankfurt, Germany flying in and out of Berlin as part of the freedom of the corridors mission. In recognition of his superior performance and expertise, Hank was reassigned in 1979 to United States Air Force-Europe, USAFE, headquarters in the office that managed airborne operations.

Hank returned to the U.S. in 1982 working in the Air Staff Intelligence Directorate in the Pentagon. He spent the last seven years of his distinguished Air Force career in the Defense Support Project Office. He finished that assignment as the Deputy Director for Airborne Reconnaissance.

Upon his retirement in 1992, Hank joined MRJ as a key member of the Mariner Support team. As a result of his superior performance on that team, he became the program manager for the Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office, DARO, support contract. Having successfully managed that contract, Hank was promoted to the position of Division Manager. After the reorganization of MRJ, Hank was put in charge of the Development Systems Division, which later became the Development Systems Group when Veridian acquired MRJ. Hank's group consistently exceed their business goals each year.

In 2000, Hank received the Veridian Leadership Award. In nominating Hank for this award, he was cited for "... accepting and tackling difficult and challenging business opportunities, his unique talent, his contagious enthusiasm and a belief that winning is for those willing to give their best." He was also cited for his "... knack of finding and recruiting the best-qualified people for the planned growth of his division." In addition, he was recognized for ensuring that his team was kept well-informed, equipped with the right tools to do their jobs, and encouraging each individual to inject initiative and promote professional growth while increasing customer support.

Hank will be remembered in many ways by those who came to know him. We will remember Hank as an exemplary role model with vision, passion, and loyalty.●

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

The following nominations were discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pension pursuant to the order of March 5, 2002:

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Don V. Cogman, of Connecticut, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006.

Katharine DeWitt, of Ohio, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006.

Teresa Lozano Long, of Texas, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006.