

these five athletes, along with the events they competed in and the medals they won. This group is a portrait of diversity, and as representatives of Florida and America, they have made us all very proud.

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

FLORIDA MEDALISTS AT THE 19TH WINTER
OLYMPIC GAMES

Garrett Hines, Orlando, FL, Silver, Bobsled, Four-man; Derek Parra, Orlando, FL, Gold, Speed skating, 1,500 meters, Silver, Speed skating, 5,000 meters; Jennifer Rodriguez, Miami, FL, Bronze, Speed skating, 1,000 meters, Bronze, Speed skating, 1,500 meters; Brian Shimer, Naples, FL, Bronze, Bobsled, Four-man; Chris Thorpe, Daytona Beach, FL, Bronze, Luge, Doubles.

IN MEMORY OF HOWARD CANNON

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I want to remember our friend, and outstanding former chairman of the Commerce Committee, Howard Cannon. I had the good fortune to serve with Senator Cannon for most of his four terms, and what set him above in my eyes was that he came from the school that the Senate is an institution where people get things done. Had it not been for this courageous vote to end a filibuster in 1964, the landmark civil rights legislation that has so dramatically changed this country would never have gotten to the Senate floor.

It is almost 20 years since he left the Commerce Committee, and I find his shoes are still difficult to fill. We called him Mr. Aviation because he ended 40 years of federal control over the airlines. Had it not been for his interest in water projects and basic infrastructure, Las Vegas would not have had the phenomenal growth it has seen.

No question, it is hard to find a Senator in the last half century whose loyalty to his convictions has made more lasting contributions to our nation and to his state. We will miss him.

My wife Peatsy, and I want to express our deepest sympathy to his charming wife, Dorothy, and to their family.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

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 July 10, 1999 in Anchorage, AK. A gay man, Alexander Paul Nicholai, 45, was stabbed to death in his apartment. The attacker, Ken-

neth J. Washington, 21, who claimed he was defending himself against unwanted sexual advances, was charged with first-degree murder in connection with the incident.

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.●

THE IMPORTANCE OF ENFORCING
GUN LAWS

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, sadly another gun tragedy occurred in my State this past Tuesday in Mount Pleasant, MI when three people were shot and killed allegedly by the ex-husband of one of them. According to a Detroit Free Press article, the man had a recent domestic violence conviction. This case illustrates the importance of closing the loopholes in our gun laws and preventing domestic violence offenders from owning firearms.

According to a Violence Policy Center analysis, a woman is 14 times more likely to be murdered by a spouse, intimate acquaintance or close relative if there was a history of domestic violence. Having one or more guns in the home makes a woman more than seven times more likely to be the victim of homicide.

Current law prohibits the possession of firearms by any person convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence and prohibits the sale of any firearm or ammunition to a person convicted of domestic violence. But we have to do more to prevent women from being victims of gun violence.

First, we must continue to fund the National Criminal History Improvement Program, which assists States in compiling criminal records and establishing identification systems for Brady gun background checks. In addition, we need to act now to close the gun show loophole and keep domestic abusers and other criminals from buying weapons at gun shows. These critical steps will help make America safer by ensuring that the criminal background information is accurate and accessible and make it tougher for those with a domestic violence conviction to obtain a firearm by easily bypassing a background check.●

IN HONOR OF HADASSAH'S 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. CORZINE. I rise today to pay tribute to Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, on the occasion of their 90th anniversary. Founded in 1912 by Henrietta Szold and a small study circle of American women, Hadassah was committed to bringing modern health care to the Holy Land. It has since grown to become the largest Jewish and largest women's membership organization in the nation.

In 1913, this fledgling organization sent two public health nurses to Jerusalem to set up a maternity clinic and treatment center for women and children. A short 27 years later, Hadassah established the Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus. Since that auspicious milestone, Hadassah has become a leading force in providing for Israel's medical needs, opening various clinics across the country and a new center of medical excellence, the world-renowned Ein Karem Hospital. I had the chance to personally visit the Hadassah facilities when I was in Israel last August, and to see first hand the care and compassion that are provided on a daily basis to anyone in need regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin. Hadassah hospitals, in addition to serving as a model of peaceful coexistence in the Middle East, provide state-of-the-art health services ranging from emergency attention to long-term care to more than 600,000 patients a year.

As its first national domestic effort, Hadassah women sold \$200 million in World War II bonds—a remarkable accomplishment by any standard. After Pearl Harbor, Hadassah mobilized its members to aid the war effort by beginning a blood bank and donating supplies. Their work continues in the United States through voter registration drives, grassroots advocacy on United States-Israel relations, volunteering in domestic violence shelters, and numerous other humanitarian efforts.

Another key component of Hadassah's mission is education. Through the College of Technology, the Career Counseling Institute, and Youth Villages, and in the United States through Young Judaca and the Hadassah Leadership Academy, they accomplish their goal to provide the people of Israel with quality educational programs and learning opportunities.

Ninety years later, the Hadassah Foundation remains true to its original mission and is dedicated to—improving the status, health and well being of women and girls; bringing their contributions, issues and needs from the margins to the center of Jewish concern; and encouraging and facilitating active participation in decisionmaking and in leadership in all spheres of life. Their strength comes from action. And their actions bring to their sisters, to their homeland, and to our Nation the precious gifts of health, education, and the power of hope. As Hadassah looks toward the next century, they see continued pioneering, continued progress, and continued innovation in health care in Israel, while continuing to share their knowledge and experience for the benefit of mankind.

For the services they have provided to Israel and across the globe, and for their dedication to the well-being of their community, I offer my sincere congratulations to Hadassah for 90 years of providing the adage that together we can make a difference and