worked so hard for and love is in close proximity to this plant. We are not cowards and we will not run. God forbid the day ever comes, but if it does, we will stay and fight for you and for our friends and families.

Members of the public should be confident that the security of Seabrook Station is tight, and will get tighter in the months ahead. We will be the first to admit that we are not perfect. As in any organization, we have areas in need of improvement. We have been addressing these areas and together with management, continue to strive towards making these improvements a reality. In the meantime, we will continue to be here to protect the public from the threat of radiological sabotage, just as we have been since well before September 11, 2001.

CLIFFORD BULLOCK,
President, Local 501—Security, Police and Fire Professionals of America.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACOBS

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael J. Jacobs as he leaves the National Security Agency. Mr. Jacobs has served our nation for more than 38 years. He has distinguished himself and the National Security Agency in positions of increasing responsibility. Mr. Jacobs capped his illustrious career as the Information Assurance Director of the National Security Agency.

Mr. Jacobs is an outstanding example of the many dedicated public servants who fulfill critical needs, often without public recognition. When Mr. Jacobs joined the NSA, the agency's existence was a secret. While the American people now know and appreciate more about the NSA, most of the attention goes to signals intelligence.

Mr. Jacobs made his mark fulfilling the NSA's other core mission: information assurance. He has led and shaped the essential effort to develop secure information systems. Our Presidents, our Armed Forces, our diplomats, our intelligence agencies, and other Government leaders depend on secure communications every day. During his tenure, Mr. Jacobs has shaped every part of how our government addresses the Information Assurance needs.

Mr. Jacobs demonstrated a real commitment to the long-range needs of America. His initiatives in research and education are key examples. He worked to sustain the Information Assurance Awareness and Training and Education Research Program. He also broke new ground in establishing NSA Centers of Excellence in Information Assurance Education at institutions of higher learning in Maryland and across the country.

Mr. Jacobs was stayed ahead of the curve in protecting America's critical information infrastructure. The White House recognized the Information Assurance System Security Education and Training Program (NIEPT) he developed as a model in Government.

Mr. Jacobs' embodies the best traditions of our civil service. That's why he has been recognized with the NSA Exceptional Civilian Service Award and the National Intelligence Medal of Achievement.

As the Senator from Maryland and a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I want to thank Mr. Jacobs for his dedication to the United States of America. He has served our nation with honor. I wish Mike well as he enters a new phase of his life.●

THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, this year marks the 76th year of operations for the U.S. International Trade Commission, ITC. Throughout that time, the Commission has played an essential role in the administration of U.S. trade remedy laws.

Today, I would like to emphasize two aspects of the ITC that I believe are critical to their ability to effectively administer U.S. trade remedy laws in the future.

First, it is important to remember that the ITC is an independent, impartial arbiter in international trade disputes under U.S. trade law. This independent stature was established and is guaranteed by the Congress. Inevitably, by deciding the cases on the merits, the Commission has made decisions that may be unpopular with certain industry sectors or individual Senators and Representatives—including me—and will doubtless to so again. But, despite disagreements the Congress continues to defend the Commission's independence. The fact that the Commission and Commissioners can rule on the merits, without fear of political pressure or retribution, is crucial to America's economy at home and our trade negotiations abroad.

As other nations begin to implement their own trade remedy laws, they often look to U.S. law and institutions for guidance. It is important the U.S. institutions serve as good models for other nations. One way to do that is for Congress to ensure that the independent nature of the ITC is preserved, regardless of the outcome of any particular case, just as we would any other quasi-judicial agency. It is our duty as elected representatives.

There is one other issue related to the ITC I would like to highlight, and that is the importance of having ITC Commissioners with an agriculture background. As the number of agricultural cases before the ITC increases, the appointment of a Commissioner with a substantive agricultural background is crucial to American agriculture. There are currently a number of antidumping orders and pending investigations affecting agricultural products. The ITC's commissioners must determine whether U.S. producers have suffered injury from unfairly traded products. A background in agriculture would assist the Commission in deciding these cases on the merits. I hope that the Administration will consider nominees with a background in agriculture, as current Commissioners' terms expire.●

NATIONAL ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR AWARENESS WEEK

● Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise today to honor National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 21 through April 27, 2002. I want to commend the thousands of families each year whose selfless generosity helps save the lives of others. Since January, 115 people in my State of Michigan have received organ or tissue transplants. Unfortunately, in that same time, 40 people in Michigan have died waiting for needed organs.

Each day in America, about 63 people receive an organ transplant, but 16 die waiting. Over 79,000 Americans are on waiting lists for organs and tissues. For many of them, this issue is about their very survival. Right now, we have almost everything we need to save these lives. We have skilled doctors and medical professionals and we have hospitals with transplant facilities. All we need now are people who are willing to share the gift of life with others.

I would like to share the story of Maria Compagner, a 5-year-old girl who lives in Holland, MI. When Maria was 2 months old, she was diagnosed with hepatic hemangioendotheliomas on her liver, which caused her liver to grow at such a rapid pace that it pushed her other vital organs out of place. She was hospitalized, received chemotherapy and Alpha Inferon treatment, followed by steroid treatments. The treatments permanently damaged Maria's thyroid gland and inhibited growth hormone production. She will have to take synthetic hormones for the rest of her life.

Maria suffered from congestive heart failure, severe respiratory distress which led to many intubations, a pulmonary hemorrhage in her lung, several serious infections, hypothyroid condition, a collapsed lung, pneumonia, chronic emesis, aspiration, and severe reflux, all before her first birthday.

Just before her first birthday, Maria finally received a precious gift of life, a new liver. She spent the next year in and out of the hospital. After a little catching up, Maria is a happy and well-adjusted 5-year-old.

But she's not out of the woods yet. In November 2000, doctors discovered that Maria's portal vein and inferior vena cava are blocked and her hepatic artery is narrowed. She is now waiting for a second liver transplant to correct those problems.

This week, I urge all Americans to consider becoming an organ donor. I urge them to think about filling out a donor card. And most importantly, I urge them to talk to their families about their decision.

When you become an organ donor, you guarantee that you will live on not just in the memories of your loved ones. You will live on in the heart and soul of the fellow human beings you save, and in the heart and soul of every loved one that person gets to touch.●