

However, unlike its counterparts in the nation's four other military services, the Coast Guard Band has never been led by an officer over the military grade of O-5. Captain-Select Buckley's promotion demonstrates the ascendance of an institution with a laudable and grand tradition. Once regarded as the Coast Guard Academy's local music ensemble, the Coast Guard Band now routinely tours throughout the United States. It also often represents the Coast Guard around the world and will certainly promote a distinguished image of the country's new Department of Homeland Security.

The Coast Guard could not have found a finer leader to oversee the ongoing evolution of this important institution. Captain-Select Buckley is an accomplished jazz trumpeter as well as music composer, arranger, and director. He is the recipient of the American Legion's Distinguished Service Citation and two Meritorious Service Medals.

Since his appointment as conductor of the Band in 1975, Captain-Select Buckley has led the Coast Guard Band to play more concerts on air on National Public Radio than any other wind band, military or civilian—a fine testament to his able leadership and to the musical talent of the Coast Guard Band's men and women.

Mr. President, I am proud that my colleagues acted to confirm this nomination, to honor my constituent, Captain-Select Lewis J. Buckley, and to pay tribute to an historic musical institution, headquartered in New London, Connecticut.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the dedication and sacrifice of the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as public safety officers.

Tonight, in a candlelight vigil, the names of 56 officers who lost their lives last year will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in Washington, DC. This is a somber time to remember the perilous duties that law enforcement officers take on each and every day to protect our communities. The Memorial is a fitting tribute to honor those we have lost in the line of duty.

Sadly, Wisconsin owes three officers a special tribute for their service. I would like to honor them by placing their names in the RECORD along with the date of their untimely passing.

Officer Robert Etter, Hobart-Lawrence, July 22, 2002; Officer Stephanie Markins, Hobart-Lawrence, July 22, 2002; Deputy Melvin Sharpless of Waushara County, December 16, 2002.

I hope that these moments of recognition bring some solace to the officers' families and express our appreciation for their service. We are forever in their debt.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### PLANNED PARENTHOOD: SHASTA-DIABLO'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to share with my colleagues my thoughts on the 40th anniversary of Planned Parenthood: Shasta-Diablo, located in my home State of California.

It is my great honor to recognize the extraordinary contributions of Planned Parenthood: Shasta-Diablo, PPSD, as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America was founded in 1916 by visionary social reformer Margaret Sanger. In 1962, PPSD began serving Contra Costa County and now provides essential reproductive health care and public education to more than 100,000 women, men, and teenagers in 13 northern California counties. During these 40 years, PPSD has shown an unwavering commitment to providing the highest quality reproductive health services, regardless of income. For many low-income residents in these 13 counties, PPSD may be their only source of health care.

PPSD's dedication and leadership place it at the cutting edge of Planned Parenthood affiliates. PPSD has the distinction of having the largest education department of any Planned Parenthood affiliate in the United States. PPSD has been at the forefront of the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS because it was the first Planned Parenthood affiliate in the United States to provide HIV testing in 1987. In 1990, PPSD was also one of the first affiliates to begin providing prenatal services. PPSD recognized that it is critically important to the health of a woman and her baby that she receive health care as early as possible in the pregnancy.

In addition to providing services at traditional health centers, PPSD has the largest number of express sites in the United States. At these express sites, PPSD partners with a wide range of community groups to provide birth control, including emergency contraception. Through the express sites, PPSD is able to serve high schools and colleges, homeless shelters, social service offices, and rural health departments. Underserved populations are able to get lifesaving services that might not otherwise be available to them. And high-risk youth are well served by PPSD's express sites and teen peer educators who offer advice that youth can really relate to.

Planned Parenthood: Shasta-Diablo would not have reached its 40th anniversary without the outstanding and exemplary leadership of two very special women. It is my pleasure to recognize Rosalie Ross, who served as executive director of PPSD for 10 years, and current president and CEO Heather Saunders Estes. Their dedication, foresight, and compassion are extraordinary and inspirational.

PPSD is "Celebrating Our Past, Protecting Our Future: 40 Years of Service, 30 Years of Choice" because this year we also commemorate the 30th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. The *Roe* decision saved countless lives by getting women out of the back alleys and into clean and safe facilities. The *Roe* decision has kept women from being forced to continue pregnancies that could endanger their health or render them infertile. The 30th anniversary of *Roe* commemorates not an isolated event, but a long and unending struggle for women's equality.

PPSD is an important part of that struggle. For the past 20 years, I have been fighting in Congress for reproductive rights. PPSD has stood by me, working hand in hand to protect a woman's right to choose. Planned Parenthood: Shasta-Diablo has been there for women, men, and teens for 40 years and I wish them another 40 years of success.●

#### HONORING DEVELOPMENT OF SISTER CITIES

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize two communities that will become "sister cities" on May 31, 2003. This association began in 1986, by chance, between the communities of Webster, SD and the borough of Dewangen Germany, in the town of Aalen. Their friendship arose when the Dewangen wrestling team and their coach, Tony Abele, visited the city of Webster for one week. This "match" has grown and flourished through the efforts of several members of the Webster community and their Mayor, Mike Grosek.

The Contract of Friendship will improve the mutual understanding between the people of these two nations, with the exchange of information to include sportive, cultural and municipal events. It will focus, above all, on the young people of both communities, imparting to them the understanding of each other's world view, problems and achievements and the importance of mutual responsibility for a peaceful co-existence.

Both communities and their elected representatives have entered into this contract of friendship in the name of their respective citizens. It is their request to accept and honor the joint responsibility for global peace and environment; to support exchanges in the field of culture, sports and economy, and to deepen the good relations based on friendship and common understanding.

I commend the city of Webster for its diligence in pursuing this contract of friendship, and I welcome the citizens of Dewangen, Germany to the great State of South Dakota.●

#### CONGRATULATING THE KAHUKU HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate the team of students from