

Under current law, dealers are required to notify the BATFE of the sale of two or more handguns to the same person within five business days. The House-passed provisions would prohibit the public release of information related to multiple handgun sales. The House language would also prohibit the release of information related to tracing requests on guns used in crimes. Eliminating the public availability of this data would make it more difficult to monitor the activities of reckless gun dealers.

In addition, the House-passed language would prohibit the BATFE from issuing a rule requiring Federal Firearm Licensees to take a physical inventory of their firearms. A physical inventory recently revealed that a Tacoma, WA, gun dealer could not account for the sniper rifle used by the Washington, D.C. area sniper and more than 200 other guns. The House language would have required the immediate destruction of records of approved firearms purchases and transfers generated by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. The retention of these records has assisted law enforcement officials trying to prevent guns from getting into the hands of criminals and identifying gun trafficking patterns.

The House-passed provisions were never the subject of hearings and are not supported by any major law enforcement organizations. They could shield reckless and negligent gun dealers from public scrutiny and weaken the BATFE's oversight and enforcement authority. They should not be adopted by the Senate.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE 1ST ANNUAL MARCH OF DIMES RADIO BROADCASTERS FOR BABIES EVENT

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, today I recognize the St. Louis radio community for joining together to pioneer the 1st Annual March of Dimes Radio Broadcasters For Babies Event at the Saint Louis Galleria on November 8, 2003. This was the first event of its kind nationwide. Together, Clear Channel Radio, Emmis Broadcasting, Bonneville St. Louis Radio Group, KTRS The Big 550, 1380 THE TEAM, Q95.5 Radio One, Classic 99 and Infinity Radio raised almost \$300,000 to support research and programs to save babies from premature birth, the leading cause of birth defects and infant mortality.

One out of every eight babies in the U.S. is born prematurely, some so tiny they can't even cry. In nearly half of these cases, no one knows why. With their 5 year, \$75 million Prematurity Campaign—no one is working harder than the March of Dimes to find out why babies are born too soon. I commend the St. Louis radio community for their support of the March of Dimes. With their help we will find the causes of premature birth and gain more knowledge to save more babies.●

OREGON HEALTH CARE HERO

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to salute a trio of Oregon Health Care Heroes. Three agencies, El Programa Hispano, the Desarrollo Integral de la Familia, and the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement, are working together to provide much needed mental health services to Oregon's growing Latino community. Their combined effort is helping clients improve relationships, find a listening ear and access the services they need to live healthier lives.

Funded by a grant from Multnomah County, the agencies work with Latino families and individual clients facing a variety of challenges: from depression and anxiety to post-traumatic stress and domestic abuse. Part of the success of this project is that counselor and client share language and culture. Before these agencies began serving clients, finding a counselor who speaks Spanish or understands Mexican and Latin American cultures was next to impossible.

In a recent profile published by the Portland Oregonian, counselor Marcos T. Sanchez discussed the importance of sharing language and culture with clients.

It makes such a big difference when you come in and the receptionist can speak to you in Spanish. People walking by can say, "Have you been helped?" When you go to the clinic, you're already feeling alienated. But if you don't have to risk as much to get these services, you are much better off.

The project is also successful because it networks within the Latino community and employs nontraditional methods to help clients. Therapists conduct home visits to work with whole families and to better understand the needs of individual clients. This individualized approach to care, combined with culturally sensitive services, will ensure that quality care reaches those who need it most. As the service expands, it will serve as a national model for bringing together the best in community care and mental health services.

Through the vision of the Latino Network and the resources of Multnomah County, these agencies are reaching people in need. They connect with people and care for clients in a unique way that is making a real difference in the lives of Latino Oregonians. I thank El Programa Hispano, the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement and the Desarrollo Integral de la Familia for their excellent work. They are heroes to the people they serve and to all Oregonians.●

TRIBUTE TO C. BOOTH WALLENTINE

• Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I give tribute to my dear friend C. Booth Wallentine, who, just days ago, began a very well earned retirement after serving for 41 years in the Farm Bureau. Thirty-one of those years he served as the executive director of the Utah Farm Bureau.

Booth is an institution in my State, and I have to say that when agriculture

issues come up, my first question often is, "What's Booth's take on this?" Even on rare occasions when we have disagreed on an issue, I found it valuable to understand his perspective. As far as I am concerned, nobody knows agriculture in Utah like Booth Wallentine, and I dare say that no state Farm Bureau director knows Congress and the legislative process like Booth Wallentine, either.

This combination of expertise in the substance and in the process of agriculture policy-making has helped to set Booth apart as a highly effective advocate on behalf of Utah agriculture interests. It has also helped him to provide service in various other ways. He served as vice chairman of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce as well as chairman of the board of Utah State University. Remarkably, both institutions awarded him their respective distinguished service awards. He also served as the president of the Utah Council on Economic Education and chaired the Utah Farm Service Agency Committee on Risk Management. Somehow he found the time to help establish the National Mormon Pioneer Trail Foundation and was asked to chair the Department of the Interior's Historic Trail Commission.

But wait a minute, there's more. Booth Wallentine was Utah State University's very first inductee in their Agriculture Hall of Fame, he was named the Future Farmers of America Farm Leader of the Year, a Friend of the Cattlemen, a Friend of Utah Wool Growers, and he earned the Utah State Extension Leadership Award. Booth was also officially recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency for his environmental leadership in helping farmers to improve Utah's water quality.

I should point out that this is not a complete list, but it serves to make the point that Booth Wallentine is a great American. He has helped Utah in so many ways.

I know that I will miss him dearly, but I gain some comfort knowing that while he goes into retirement, we continue to benefit from the wisdom he shared with us and the legacy he has left. I thank my friend, Booth Wallentine for serving so long and so well. I pray that the Lord will bless him and his sweet wife, Raeda, in their retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP SHANNON

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise in tribute to Philip J. Shannon, of Norwich, CT, passed away on Tuesday, November 11, 2003, at the age of 85. Philip was a dedicated public servant, a loyal Democrat, and above all, a good friend.

He was a Norwich native who would dedicate much of his life to serving the people of his hometown. He graduated from St. Patrick's School and the Norwich Free Academy. Like so many in