

found that adolescents who were exposed to gun violence were more than twice as likely to carry out violent acts within the following 2 years. Fifty-six percent of the teens surveyed by UCAN said that they believe violent teenagers learn their behavior from their parents. We must do more to break this cycle.

Unfortunately, most of those who responded to the UCAN survey believe that the Government doesn't understand the realities of gun violence for teenagers and would not care if they were a victim of gun violence. In addition, 41 percent of the teens surveyed said they would benefit from more violence prevention programs and resources.

We should listen to what teenagers around the country are saying about guns. Their responses to the UCAN survey show that Congress is not doing enough to protect young people from the threat of gun violence. I urge the Senate to do more to help ensure our teenagers do not have to fear guns in their schools and communities by passing commonsense gun safety legislation and by supporting violence reduction programs.

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

MAJOR STUART ANDERSON

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I speak today with deep sorrow, for we have lost a truly brave American and soldier. MAJ Stuart Anderson died on January 7, 2006, when the Blackhawk helicopter he was in crashed just outside Tal Afar in northern Iraq. His helicopter was part of a two helicopter team providing support for the 101st Airborne Division. Major Anderson was assigned to the 3rd Corps Support Command, Army National Guard. My condolences go out to his wife, Tori; his two daughters, Keely 15, and Kirsten 10; his parents, Claremont and Nancy Anderson; and many other family and friends.

Major Anderson grew up in Hoffman, MN, and then graduated from Benson High School in Benson, MN. He attended North Dakota State University. Maj. Anderson had been living in Dubuque, IA, for the past 5 years and was scheduled to return home this fall. He was a supply and service support representative for his Des Moines based unit; he made sure combat troops in some of Iraq's most dangerous areas had the proper supplies.

Major Anderson joined the Army Reserve in 1984, became an officer in 1989, and was serving in his second tour of duty in Iraq. Many of Major Anderson's colleagues define him as a trusted and humble leader. LTC Thomas Nielsen wrote that "Major Anderson was one of the finest officers I have known in my 28-year career." Major Anderson's father said that "he was very proud of being in the military . . . he just loved it." He was known to sprinkle in humor with his training and with his annual Christmas cards. His humor

will be missed by all who knew him. I ask my colleagues in the Senate and every American to remember the sacrifice that Major Anderson gave for our freedom.

#### UNI-CAPITOL WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, each year congressional offices host American college students as interns, to help our future leaders learn about public service and see how their Government works firsthand.

Today, I would like to let you know about a program that gives Australian students the opportunity to experience our democratic and legislative process. It's called the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program.

My office is taking part in it right now, along with others in Congress. Twelve of Australia's brightest are here, pursuing knowledge and understanding. In so doing, we are all finding new reasons to like an old friend.

The Uni-Capitol was born of the efforts of Eric Federer. Eric worked for more than a decade in the House and the Senate as a senior adviser. While doing this job, he lectured across Australia and American Government, politics, and news media. In an effort to forge ties across the Pacific and for the betterment of both societies, Eric put together this idea in Washington in 1999.

The selection process for the students is competitive and intellectually rigorous, ensuring the highest quality applicant. All participating students are comprehensively matched with a congressional office and corresponding position. They come from a wide range of academic disciplines and bring as much knowledge and understanding to our offices as they take away.

For the past 7 years, Mr. Federer's students have approached this opportunity with vim and vigor. I am pleased to have Douglas Ferguson from the University of Canberra working in my office this year. I would also like to submit into the RECORD the names of other Australian interns participating in this year's program:

Andrew Brookes, from Melbourne University, is in Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD's office. Ryan Conroy, from Deakin University, is in Representative SAM FARR's office. Jenna Davey-Burns, from Melbourne University, is in Representative LOUIS SLAUGHTER's office. Sarah Dillon, from Deakin University, is in Representative ALCEE HASTINGS's office. Jessica Gurevich, from Melbourne University, is in Representative MIKE CASTLE's office. Scott Ivey, from the University of Western Australia, is in Representative LORETTA SANCHEZ's office. Saul Lazar, from Deakin University, is in Senator CHUCK HAGEL's office. Abbie McPhie, from Macquarie University, is in Representative JERROLD NADLER's office. Linda Nelson, from the University of Wollongong, is with the House Science

Committee's majority staff. Marianna O'Gorman, from the University of Queensland, is in Delegate ENI FALEOMAVAEGA's office. Rachel Thomson, from the University of Western Australia, is with the Joint Economic Committee's minority staff.

Australia continues to be one of America's strongest allies. Our greatest gift is the friendship born of shared values. I thank the Uni-Capitol Program and these Australian interns for their hard work, and I wish the program continued success.

#### ATTACK ON CHASIDIC SYNAGOGUE IN MOSCOW

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, on January 11 of this year, at the Moscow Headquarters and Synagogue of Agudas Chasidei Chabad of the Former Soviet Union, a so-called "skinhead" attacked worshippers with a knife and wounded eight persons. I know that all Members of this body deplore this terrible crime and send our prayers and best wishes to all those injured during the assault.

The victims of this senseless violence include Rabbi Isaac Kogan, who testified before an April 6 Helsinki Commission hearing I convened last year concerning Chabad's ongoing efforts to retrieve the Schneerson Collection of sacred Jewish texts from Moscow. The Rabbi is a noted refusenik who was appointed by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, to be part of Agudas Chasidei Chabad of the Former Soviet Union. In addition to nurturing Judaism throughout the former USSR, that organization has fought tirelessly to win the return of the Schneerson Collection to its rightful owners in the United States. The entire U.S. Senate has twice petitioned the Russian leadership to release those holy texts.

As chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I have followed closely the issue of anti-Semitism and extremism around the world. Unfortunately, the brutal attack at the Agudas Chasidei Chabad synagogue fits what appears to be a rising trend of attacks on ethnic and religious minorities in Russia.

Let me present one disturbing statistic. According to an article in the Moscow News last year, the Moscow Human Rights Center reports that Russia has up to 50,000 skinheads with active groups in 85 cities. This, as opposed to an estimated 70,000 skinhead activists throughout the rest of the world.

To make matters worse, there are indications that the police themselves are sometimes involved in racist attacks. Earlier this month, a Russian newspaper carried a story about the Moscow police assault of a passerby who happened to be from the North Caucasus. According to persons from the North Caucasus, such beatings are a common occurrence.

What was uncommon was the fact that the gentleman in question is a colonel in the Russian Army and an internationally known cosmonaut.