

That is all you have to do. You earned it, you absolutely earned it, just ask for it.

I encourage people who are not sure to call my office or call the offices of your Senators or your Congress men and women around the country.

The Presiding Officer from Illinois has been very active in this, and his office is available also to make sure in his State that these families who work hard, play by the rules—maybe they are making \$20,000 \$30,000, \$40,000 a year; they are struggling—can get several thousand dollars tax credit, money in their pocket as they work to pursue the American dream.

We have seen what the earned-income tax credit can do for working families. In Hamilton County, southwest Ohio, the Cincinnati area, a woman and her three children became homeless after she lost her job. But because of her work, the wages she earned, she qualified for the earned-income tax credit. Every dime of her \$2,000 earned-income tax credit went back into her pocket to help her overcome the daunting economic challenges she faced—\$2,000 which went, for somebody at that income level, so very far.

An elderly couple was grateful they qualified for the earned-income tax credit. They used the \$3,700 to cover a tragic occurrence, a grandchild's funeral expenses, expenses otherwise beyond their reach.

There are hundreds of thousands of stories like this across Ohio and across our Nation. I encourage Ohioans in Ashtabula and Bellaire and Zainsville and Springfield and Xenia who may be eligible for the earned-income tax credit to visit the IRS tax site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call 1-800-906-9887 and find a local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center. Remember, if you think you might be eligible for the earned-income tax credit, it is a tax credit that, if you are working and you are working hard and playing by the rules and you are not making a lot of money—not just minimum wage, but if you are not making more than \$30,000 or \$40,000 a year, even up to \$48,000 year—you should call that number or visit the Web site, [irs.gov](http://irs.gov). The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center, or VITA, is a vital and free resource for working families where accountants and tax experts volunteer their time to help you file your taxes so you can receive the EITC.

In Lorain, OH, in my home county, where President Obama visited just 10 days ago, in a program which we began when I was a Member of Congress, a couple visited a free tax preparation center after trying to do their taxes on their own. They found help; they qualified for the EITC. They received a refund of \$5,000, which helped replace the roof of their house which required replacement.

To receive EITC, all you have to do is file your taxes. That is it. You earned it, just ask for it. Spread the word, Mr.

President, and all of my colleagues and anyone listening—spread the word about the earned-income tax credit. It is a bridge out of poverty that serves millions of families across Ohio and across the Nation. Remember, you earned it.

#### HEROIC ACTIONS OF NEVADA'S FEDERAL AGENTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to the heroic actions of eight Federal agents at the Lloyd D. George Federal District Courthouse in Las Vegas, NV.

On January 4, 2010, an armed man entered the Lloyd D. George Federal District Courthouse and opened fire at the Federal agents securing entrance to the building. The Federal agents fought to ensure the safety of the employees, occupants, and visitors of the courthouse. On that day, Stanley Cooper gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Stanley Cooper, 72, was a Court Security Officer at the courthouse. Stanley was born in Tulsa, OK, where he began his career in public service in 1960. After four years, Stanley moved to Las Vegas, NV, to serve in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Stanley retired as a sergeant after 26 years with the LVMPD. Soon after, he began work as a court security officer with the U.S. Marshals Service. He was a quiet man whose passion and dedication for serving the people of his community was only surmounted by his love for his family. Stanley Cooper died valiantly in the line of duty to protect the lives of those around him. I offer my most heartfelt condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of Stanley Cooper.

Alongside Stanley Cooper were Deputy U.S. Marshal Richard Gardner, U.S. Marshal Dave Del Berti, Court Security Officer Jack Eklund, Court Security Officer Arthur Gennaro, Court Security Officer Michael Gerrity III, Court Security Officer William Sherman, and Detention Officer Justin Cord. Richard Gardner, 48, was treated and released for injuries he sustained during the shooting. Richard serves as Deputy U.S. Marshal at the Lloyd D. George Federal District Courthouse. These eight brave men pursued the gunman as he fled across the street to the Historic Fifth Street School, where he was later subdued.

Law enforcement personnel put their lives at risk every day to protect our communities, and we should all be grateful for their sacrifices. On the morning of January 4, these eight men showed the bravery, sense of duty, and valor of true heroes. Selflessly, they put themselves in harm's way to subdue the gunman, preventing harm to innocent bystanders.

I am humbled today to honor these eight men for their extraordinary bravery, dedicated service to the citizens of the great State of Nevada, and the heroic measures they took to save the lives of others. My thoughts and pray-

ers are with those affected by this tragedy. As we grieve, may all of us find strength in the courage and compassion shown by the federal agents during this tremendously difficult time.

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I am honored to rise today to pay tribute to the brave men who literally fought off evil on January 4, 2010, at the Lloyd D. George Federal Building in Las Vegas, NV. On that tragic day, an armed assailant entered the lobby of the courthouse with clear objectives, to kill as many innocent people as he possibly could. Court Security Officer Stanley Cooper went to work that day with the same vision and determination he had every day; that was to keep the employees and visitors to the Federal building safe as they went about their lives. Tragically, Stan was fatally wounded by the gunman as he faithfully stood his watch at the security check point that morning.

Stanley Cooper was a quiet and gentle man who dedicated his life to the service and protection of others. He retired after 26 years as an officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and then chose a life of service again as a court security officer. Stan will always be remembered as a hero, not only because he gave his life in that one terrible moment on January 4 but also because he gave his life every day in the selfless act of serving others.

The other court security officers on duty that day, along with members of the U.S. Marshals Service and a detention officer, acted swiftly and bravely to subdue the gunman and protect the countless innocent lives that were in harm's way. Deputy U.S. Marshal Richard J. "Joe" Gardner was wounded in the ensuing battle as he and the other officers valiantly fought off the deadly attack.

It is with utmost gratitude that I take a moment to remember and commend the life of a true hero, Officer Stanley Cooper, and to thank Deputy U.S. Marshal Joe Gardner, the court security officers, the U.S. deputy marshals, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department officers, and all law enforcement officers who responded to the heinous assault at the Lloyd D. George Federal Building on January 4, 2010, for their brave and courageous actions. Stan and the other officers answered the call of duty that day without concern for themselves or their own safety. Their sacrifice and courage will not be forgotten.

May God grant Stan's beloved family and friends peace and comfort in this time of loss, and may He continue to protect all the men and women in law enforcement who selflessly serve and protect others.

#### REMEMBERING ROGELIO DARIAS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to mourn the passing of one of Nevada's finest entertainers, Rogelio Darias. Known in Las Vegas and