

this legislation—or at least an amended version of this legislation.

I thank these 12 or 13 colleagues for their patience, their eloquence, their determination, and their conviction. As I get ready to leave this Chamber in the coming months, I will leave with a high degree of confidence that this Chamber will be in good hands. After listening tonight to your words, advice, counsel, and determination, it is with a sense of optimism that we will get this bill done. I am confident of that as I stand before you this evening.

With that, I yield the floor.

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#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I am pleased today to join the Illinois chapter of the American Association of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, AAIDD, in recognizing the recipients of the Illinois Direct Support Professional Award 2010. These individuals are being honored for their outstanding efforts to enrich the lives of people with developmental disabilities in Illinois.

These recipients have displayed a strong sense of humanity and professionalism in their work with persons with disabilities. Their efforts have inspired the lives of those for whom they care, and they are an inspiration to me as well. They have set a fine example of community service for all Americans to follow.

These honorees spend more than 50 percent of their time at work in direct, personal involvement with their clients. They are not primarily managers or supervisors. They are direct service workers at the forefront of America's effort to care for people with special needs. They do their work every day with little public recognition, providing valued care and assistance that is unknown except to those with whom they work.

It is my honor and privilege to recognize the Illinois recipients of AAIDD's Illinois Direct Support Professional Award 2010: Gloria Corral, Stacy Howard, Renee Kaye, Mufutau Afolabi, Mary Halloran, Renae Donohoo, Pauline Curran, Denise Smith, Zeola Alston, and Jesse Kelinschmidt.

I know my fellow Senators will join me in congratulating the winners of the Illinois Direct Support Professional Award 2010. I applaud their dedication and thank them for their service.

#### TRIBUTE TO SPECIAL AGENT JAMES HAROLD SIZEMORE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise to thank Special Agent James Harold Sizemore for his many years of service to the people of Kentucky. For nearly three decades, he has worked in the dangerous field of law enforcement, risking his own well-being on behalf of his neighbors, and for that an entire State is grateful.

Harold was born and raised in Clay County, where his father was the sheriff. Harold followed in his father's footsteps and was elected sheriff of Clay County in 1982. He took a hard stand against illegal marijuana cultivation, a problem in that area, and conducted several successful eradication missions.

I first met Harold in 1989 when he was still serving as sheriff, and he described to me the devastating effect marijuana cultivation was having in Clay County. After that and right up to today I have given my full support to the Governor's Marijuana Strike Force, which coordinates local, State, and Federal law enforcement to combat the drug problem in Kentucky. This task force has been recognized by the President's Office of National Drug Control Policy for 5 consecutive years.

In 1990, Harold became a Federal law-enforcement officer with the U.S. Forest Service, a job he held for 20 years. In that capacity, he has conducted over 700 flight hours of surveillance and detection for marijuana eradication missions in Kentucky in support of State, local, and Federal task forces. His dedication and tireless efforts resulted in the eradication of over 100,000 marijuana plants, with a street value estimated at \$600 million, many in small plots located in remote terrain to avoid detection.

In addition to these flight hours, Harold also participated in several missions in support of high-risk felony search and arrest warrants executed by State and Federal agencies. His professionalism and expertise, coupled with intimate knowledge of the local area, played a significant role in these missions being accomplished safely.

Harold provided key information in over 20 felony investigations, resulting in several Federal indictments and arrests. His personal knowledge of the Clay County area of the Daniel Boone National Forest played a decisive role in the identification of several suspects caught on surveillance, which was initiated as a result of Harold's aerial reconnaissance.

Throughout his career as a Federal law-enforcement officer, Harold's primary responsibility has been that of marijuana eradication officer for the Daniel Boone National Forest—and from that responsibility he has never wavered. In 2008, he was recognized by the U.S. Forest Service for a career of exceptionally meritorious service.

The U.S. Forest Service sometimes works with the Kentucky National Guard in their drug-control efforts, and

Harold's dedication was clear to the soldiers he worked alongside. "Harold is one of the driving forces behind the success of the Kentucky National Guard's efforts in support of these missions," says LTC Karlas Owens.

"When observing marijuana in a helicopter, Harold possessed the patience of Job while maneuvering his ground element over difficult terrain . . . he guided officers cross-country as they walked to distant marijuana plots in the Daniel Boone National Forest and ensured they made a safe return. . . . Harold not only gives 110 percent to the [U.S.] Forest Service, but always supports the Kentucky National Guard and ensures we are successful as well."

Lieutenant Colonel Owens also has these words for Harold, after working alongside him for 20 years on these dangerous but vital missions: "For your teachings and friendship, I thank you, Sir."

A countless number of Kentuckians owe their thanks to Harold as well. Upon his retirement, I know my colleagues in the U.S. Senate join me in thanking Special Agent James Harold Sizemore for his decades of service. The work he has done for so many years has bequeathed to all of us a safer, stronger Kentucky.

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#### ARMENIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, at this time every year, we observe Armenian Remembrance Day, when we commemorate the horrific and tragic events that constitute the Armenian Genocide. We also honor those who suffered persecution and lost their lives, and recognize those who survived this dark period in human history.

On April 24, 1915, Turkish Ottoman authorities began rounding up and murdering more than 5,000 Armenians, including civic leaders, intellectuals, writers, priests, scientists, and doctors. This systematic campaign of deportation, expropriation, starvation, and other atrocities continued until 1923, resulting in the deaths of nearly 1.5 million Armenians. As U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry Morgenthau, said at the time, "When the Turkish authorities gave the orders for these deportations, they were merely giving the death warrant to a whole race; they understood this well, and, in their conversations with me, they made no particular attempt to conceal the fact. . . . I am confident that the whole history of the human race contains no such horrible episode as this."

The Armenian Day of Remembrance serves to remind us all of how important it is that we look unflinchingly at the atrocities that mankind is capable of, sustained by the ability of our human spirit to overcome such tragedy. The horrific events we remember today constituted the first genocide of the 20th century. But it was soon followed by the Holocaust, where Hitler said he could pursue it and inflict it on humanity since "Who, after all, speaks