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CONCERNING ALAN R. SCHWARTZ (Senate - October 27, 1990)

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Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to thank Alan Schwartz for his outstanding efforts in helping to ensure passage of H.R. 5732, the Aviation Security Improvement Act of 1990. This legislation will be instrumental in our future efforts to combat terrorism, and implements the findings of the report of the President's Commission on Aviation Security and Terrorism, dated May 15, 1990. This Commission was formed to investigate the bombing of Pan Am World Airways Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland on December 21, 1988.

Alan was a key staff member of the President's Commission, and provided invaluable advice to myself and other Commission members. He drafted extensive parts of the Commission's final report. Alan is an extremely talented attorney, whose analytic skills and principled approach to resolving difficult policy issues were major factors in the successful completion of the Commission's work and the passage of this historic legislation.

Alan never shied away from the tough issues. His negotiating skills made it possible to safeguard the important elements of this legislation, while reaching the compromises that needed to be made. His tireless work was helpful to all of those involved in the research, drafting, and negotiations with respect to this legislation.

It was a pleasure to work with Alan and I believe that sentiment is shared by all those who worked shoulder to shoulder with him on this difficult, and important issue. It is my sincere hope that H.R. 5732 will make real and lasting improvements in our aviation security program, and in the manner in which families and friends of victims are treated by our State Department in the aftermath of tragedies abroad. If these improvements occur, Alan R. Schwarz will have played a central role in making them happen.

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