

grimmiest complications of diabetes. This grant will bring public health services, schools, and nutrition programs together to reach children and families living on reservations and to provide them with the information and tools to prevent and manage diabetes.

And I might say, I told Chief Dugan before I came up here that my grandmother's grandmother was a Cherokee who would be very proud that there is a woman chief who is doing such a magnificent job. Thank you.

Next month, our scientists at NIH will be hosting a workshop to bring researchers from all across the country to share ideas and discuss the most promising avenues of diabetes research. And we will establish a new and unprecedented public-private partnership to bring our Nation's leading health care providers, purchasers, and consumers together to develop uniform guidelines for diabetes care. Through the guidelines, we can ensure that all doctors provide their patients with thorough and vigilant care, such as regular eye and foot exams, to stay as healthy as possible.

Taken together, these initiatives can make life-changing differences for millions of Americans. I was very heartened to hear the American Diabetes Association say that these new investments in diabetes are as important for people with diabetes as the discovery of insulin in 1921. Let us pray that it will be so.

Let me finally say that discussing this in rather clinical terms cannot possibly convey the human impact that Sandra did in talking about her child. On the way over here today, I was remembering that 23 years ago plus now, when I began my career in political life, the first chairman of my campaign was only a year older than me and was already a bank president at the age of 28 or 29, but he died a few years ago from complications from diabetes. When I lived in Arkansas, I used to sing in a church choir with a man who had to quit singing because of complications from diabetes, and I have these vivid memories every Sunday of standing there looking at him sitting in the church with the pain on his face of not being able to do it anymore.

This morning I got a note from a friend of mine I'd like to read to you. "For the last

17 years my son has gone to sleep scared, scared that his blood sugar would drop and his body would be ripped apart with a diabetic seizure. Every day for the last 17 years, my son and his family have worried about the opposite effects of having his blood sugar remain at too high a level and thereby causing the early onset of blindness, heart failure, and loss of limb. Until today, there simply wasn't enough money available for scientific research to have a real hope to find a cure. Now there is."

It is easy to say that in the last 50 years we experienced in science the age of physics, the age of space travel and the beginning of genetic research but that in the next 50 years, the 21st century in science will be an age of biology. The important thing is that for people and their families with diabetes, it can be an age of longer, happier, richer lives.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:27 a.m. in the auditorium. In his remarks, he referred to Sam W. Wiesel, executive vice president for health sciences, Georgetown University Medical Center; Mary Delaney, a local resident who suffers from diabetes; Chief Joyce Dugan of the eastern band of Cherokee Indians; Sandra Puczynski of Ohio, mother whose daughter suffers from diabetes; and actress Mary Tyler Moore, international chairman, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 5

In the evening, the President met with members of the Black Leadership Forum in the Cabinet Room.

August 6

The President announced his intention to nominate Carolyn Curiel as U.S. Ambassador to Belize.

The President announced his intention to nominate Margaret Ann Hamburg as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at

the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael L. Telson to serve as the Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sally Thompson to serve as the Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas J. Umberg to serve as Deputy Director for Supply Reduction at the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The President announced the nomination of Michael K. Powell as a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

The President announced his intention to designate William E. Kennard to be Chair of the Federal Communications Commission upon his confirmation by the Senate as a member of the FCC.

August 7

The President announced the nomination of Jo Ann Jay Howard as Administrator of the Federal Insurance Administration at the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The President announced his intention to appoint Carol Bonosaro to serve as a member of the National Partnership Council.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

List of business leaders participating in climate change meeting

Released August 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Released August 6

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing National Security Adviser Samuel Berger's upcoming visit to China

List of 1997 Presidential news conferences

Released August 7

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the appointment of Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson IV as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs at the National Security Council

Released August 8

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Acts Approved by the President

Approved August 5

H.R. 2015 / Public Law 105–33
Balanced Budget Act of 1997

H.R. 2014 / Public Law 105–34
Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997

H.R. 1226 / Public Law 105–35
Taxpayer Browsing Protection Act

H.R. 709 / Public Law 105–36
National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 1997

Approved August 7

S. 430 / Public Law 105–37
New Mexico Statehood and Enabling Act Amendments of 1997