

ROBERTA DOERING—NEW PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Roberta Doering of Agawam, MA, who today becomes president of the National School Boards Association [NSBA]. Roberta has served as a member of the Agawam School Committee for 25 years and has been active in both the State and national school board associations for many of those years. She was elected to the executive committee of the national organization in 1991 and now assumes the role of president.

Her unwavering commitment to the welfare of the Nation's youth is demonstrated in her work with the schools and in other areas of service as well. She served for over 20 years on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA and was the first woman president of that organization. She has also served on the board of trustees of the Springfield Library and Museum Association, and on the board of trustees of the Baystate Medical Center.

Roberta Doering deserves great credit for her service to education. Like so many dedicated citizens who serve on thousands of local school committees and boards across the country, she entered the arena because of her interest in children. She recognized the participation by citizens at the local level is vital if we are to assure quality educational programs for children and youth.

As she became knowledgeable about the Agawam system, she saw the need to do more. She explored what other communities were doing in the State, and what lessons from their experience could be applied to improve the schools in her own community. As a natural extension of her ability and interests, she became active in national education issues. Her path to the presidency reflects what so many of us in Congress understand. An active partnership among local, State, and national goals is vital to achieve educational excellence.

Roberta is clearly making a difference, and I commend her for her commitment as she begins her service as president of the National School Boards Association. I share the pride of the people of Agawam and Massachusetts that she will be serving all the Nation's children, and I wish her success in this important new undertaking.

TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers basketball team for yet another outstanding NCAA tournament. After an impressive record 34-2, the Lady Vols advanced through the NCAA tournament to face

the undefeated University of Connecticut Huskies in the championship game yesterday.

The Lady Vols were on the verge of their fourth NCAA title in the closing minutes of the final game. With only 4 minutes left, the Huskies rallied back to defeat Tennessee by 6 points—70-64.

Mr. President, I want to commend these young women, as well as their head coach Pat Summitt and assistants Mickie Demoss, Holly Warlick, and Carolyn Peck for their hard work and dedication this year. They have made the University of Tennessee, the city of Knoxville, and the entire State of Tennessee proud.

The seniors who played their last college basketball game yesterday should look back on a job well done and a season Tennesseans won't easily forget. And those team members who will be on the court next year can look forward to building upon the strong foundation they have helped establish this year.

Again, I applaud the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers for an outstanding season, and I look forward to many exciting seasons to come.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

MOTHER OF THEM ALL

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, a popular trend among the liberal elements of the news media today is their assertions that efforts to rid the current welfare system of waste and inefficiency are heartless and cruel. Aside from being untrue, such statements ignore the extraordinary things that are going on in America today. For example, the story of Mrs. Carol Porter, co-founder of Kid-Care, Inc., a nonprofit organization that feeds needy children in Houston, TX. I was reminded of Mrs. Porter and her family's efforts on behalf of Houston's hungry children when I read a March 20 People magazine article, headed "Mother of Them All."

Mr. President, I have met with the remarkable Carol Porter on several occasions, the first of which was in October 1993 when she visited Washington to receive an award for the very work detailed in the People magazine article. Senators and staff members would be impressed, as I am, if they could spend just a few brief minutes with this wonderful lady and her husband.

Why? Two reasons come to mind:

The first is her totally unselfish attitude which puts the needs of others before her own. It began when Carol Porter was driving through Houston during the Christmas season of 1989. By chance she happened upon a group of youngsters eating out of a fast-food dumpster. It was then that she and her husband decided to operate a feeding program from their three-bedroom home.

Today, Porter and the volunteers at Kid-Care deliver 500 free meals to Houston's poor neighborhoods. Plans are underway to move into a facility enabling them to produce 4,000 meals a day,

without 1 cent of support or subsidy from the U.S. Government.

My second thought: As the U.S. Senate prepares to debate various facets of the House-passed welfare-reform proposal, Senators should keep in mind Mrs. Porter's admonition when she was asked about Government assistance. Mrs. Porter said, "I'm against people saying, 'Let the Government do it.' I say it's time for Americans to feed Americans."

Mrs. Porter's message to all of us is both needed and refreshingly clear: The Government cannot do it all, nor can it afford to. But the needs of others can be met if each of us does our part.

Mr. President, I do hope my colleagues will have time to read the article describing an extraordinary lady doing an extraordinary work. I ask unanimous consent that the March 20, 1995, People magazine article, "Mother of Them All," be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From People magazine, Mar. 20, 1995]

MOTHER OF THEM ALL: CAROL PORTER FEEDS POOR KIDS IN HOUSTON—WITHOUT A CENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT

The white van squeals to a stop in the loose gravel of a dilapidated mobile-home park in Houston. The driver blasts the horn five times, and children come running from every direction. One little boy in a blue sweatshirt races back from the van to his mother, excitedly waving a lunch bag over his head. He knows the sack contains a plain turkey sandwich, an apple, a granola bar and some juice. But he couldn't be happier with a bag of Halloween candy.

"How excited would you be if you hadn't eaten since we were here yesterday?" asks Carol Porter, 50, co-founder of Kid-Care, Inc., a nonprofit group that helps feed some of Houston's neediest children. "It's better than ice cream to these kids. It's hope."

Porter and Kid-Care's corps of up to 25 volunteers deliver 500 free meals each day to children in one of Houston's poorest neighborhoods. Every morsel is prepared by volunteers in Porter's cramped North Houston home, where extra stoves and refrigerators are shoe-horned into what used to be the family's living room and den. Remarkably, Kid-Care accepts no public funding. "I'm against people saying, 'Let the government do it,'" says Porter. "I say it's time for Americans to feed Americans."

Carol Porter, a registered nurse, and her husband, Hurt, 52, a former radio announcer—they have a son, Hurt III, 20, and a daughter, Jamillah, 10—might serve as a poster couple for the Contract with America. They are black Republicans who are dead set against welfare in its current form. "I get a lot of flak from black folks," says Carol Porter. "But I'm basing my belief structure on what I know. And I know we need welfare reform with compassion."

"I think we should do more to encourage self-reliance, and that's what the Porters are doing," says Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson.

Compassion is something the Porters learned from their parents. Carol, in fact, credits her late mother, Lula Doe, with planting the idea for Kid-Care. It was Lula who, in 1984, persuaded a local supermarket not to discard its blemished produce but to let her distribute it to the poor.

The Kid-Care idea began to take shape at Christmas 1989, when Carol came on a group of children eating out of a McDonalds' dumpster. "I saw Third World conditions a stone's throw from where I live," she says. Two years later, Kid-Care was created as a non-profit organization.

These days, the Porter's three-bedroom bungalow is hemmed in by Kid-Care vehicles. Industrial-size cans of beans, tomatoes, corn and spaghetti sauce line shelves tacked up in the family room. Bags of disposable diapers, bulk rice and dozens of loaves of bread are stacked alongside. In the center of the room is a banquet table, where the sandwiches are prepared in a huge assembly line. In the next room, a magnet stuck to one of four refrigerators reads, "Carol's Kitchen." "Hah!" snorts Carol. "This hasn't been my kitchen in years."

Until late last year, Kid-Care provided not only brown-bag lunches but also hot meals. That was when the Houston health department forced the Porters to suspend cooking operations until certain code violations were remedied. That problem should be solved by May. When the Porters hope to move Kid-Care into its newly acquired 11,500-square-foot building equipped to produce 4,000 hot meals a day. That is, of course, if they can increase their funding. Carol Porter's tireless fund-raising has given Kid-Care high visibility among corporations—Quaker Oats and long-distance company Heartline Communications are sponsors—but most of the current annual budget of \$500,000 comes from individual donations. The couple supplements Hurt's \$2,000-a-month stipend from Kid-Care with a contract to oversee Houston-area daycare providers for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Hurt III earns \$1,000 a month managing Kid-Care's transportation.

Carol, whose dream is to seed Kid-Care groups across the country, draws no salary. "People ask me what's in it for me," she says. "And I tell them to go the route with me and see my kids' faces. That's what's in it for me."

WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE? THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, for 3 years I have made daily reports to the Senate regarding the exact Federal debt as of the previous day.

We must pray that this year, Federal spending will begin to be reduced—it hasn't yet. Indeed, if we care about America's future, Congress must face up to its responsibility to balance the Federal budget.

As of the close of business Friday, March 31, the exact Federal debt stood at \$4,864,115,841,256.92, meaning that on a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$18,464.61 as his or her share of the Federal debt.

It's important to note, Mr. President, that the United States had an opportunity to begin controlling the Federal debt by implementing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. Unfortunately, the Senate did not seize their first opportunity to control this debt—but rest assured they will have another chance during the 104th Congress.

If the Senate does not concentrate on getting a handle on this enormous debt, their constituents are not likely to overlook it 2 years hence.

SELF-EMPLOYED HEALTH INSURANCE ACT—CONFERENCE REPORT

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume consideration of the conference accompanying H.R. 831

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The hour of 12 noon having arrived, under the previous order, the clerk will report the motion to invoke cloture.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 831, Self-Employed Health Insurance Act:

Robert Dole, Bob Packwood, John Ashcroft, Orrin Hatch, Richard Lugar, Lauch Faircloth, Larry Pressler, Thad Cochran, Trent Lott, Pete Domenici, Rick Santorum, Larry Craig, Alfonse D'Amato, Hank Brown, James Inhofe, and Slade Gorton.

CALL OF THE ROLL VITIATED

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN). Pursuant to rule XXII, the chair now directs the clerk to call the roll to ascertain the quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent—and it has been cleared by the Democratic leader—I ask unanimous consent that the live quorum under rule XXII be vitiated.

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

VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the conference report accompanying H.R. 831, the Self-Employed Health Insurance Act, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are required. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DOLE. I announce that the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. ROTH], and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD] would vote "yea."

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Alabama [Mr. HEFLIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. NUNN] are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] is absent because of illness.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] would each vote "aye."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 83, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 126 Leg.]

YEAS—83

Abraham	Dorgan	McCain
Akaka	Exon	McConnell
Ashcroft	Faircloth	Mikulski
Baucus	Feingold	Moseley-Braun
Bennett	Feinstein	Moynihan
Biden	Ford	Murkowski
Bingaman	Frist	Murray
Bond	Glenn	Packwood
Boxer	Gorton	Pell
Bradley	Grams	Pressler
Breaux	Grassley	Pryor
Brown	Gregg	Reid
Bryan	Harkin	Robb
Bumpers	Hatch	Rockefeller
Burns	Helms	Santorum
Byrd	Hollings	Sarbanes
Chafee	Inouye	Shelby
Coats	Jeffords	Simon
Cohen	Johnston	Simpson
Conrad	Kempthorne	Snowe
Coverdell	Kennedy	Specter
Craig	Kerrey	Stevens
D'Amato	Kerry	Thomas
Daschle	Kohl	Thompson
DeWine	Lautenberg	Thurmond
Dodd	Lieberman	Warner
Dole	Lugar	Wellstone
Domenici	Mack	

NOT VOTING—17

Campbell	Hutchison	Lott
Cochran	Inhofe	Nickles
Graham	Kassebaum	Nunn
Gramm	Kyl	Roth
Hatfield	Leahy	Smith
Heflin	Levin	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 83, the nays are zero. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

Mr. DODD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed as if in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

PERFECT SEASON FOR UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT WOMEN

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I am holding up in my hands the front page of today's Hartford Courant, which reads "Perfect." It shows a photograph of the University of Connecticut women's basketball team and the score of the game, 70 to 64, over Tennessee.

Mr. President, you will certainly appreciate the fact that there is a certain