

Memorial Hospital and the executive director of Citizens Memorial Health Care Foundation in Bolivar, MO. The national award recognizes leaders in executive management positions in small or rural hospitals who have improved health care delivery to rural areas through innovative and progressive steps.

Donald has been an instrumental part of the Citizens Memorial Hospital since before its opening in 1982. Under his leadership, the hospital was recognized as one of the "Top Ten Small Rural Hospitals" in the Nation, as determined by the American Hospital Association, and has become a fully integrated health care delivery system. Mr. Babb stated that, "Meeting the needs of the communities we serve has been my No. 1 priority. We have expanded services so that patients have access to quality care for every stage of their lives." His dedication to the good health of the people in rural southwest Missouri is obvious through his efforts directed toward improving the quality of health care available in this area.

For the past 17 years, Mr. Babb has dedicated his life to the betterment of his community and the people he serves. His work embodies the spirit of the American dream. Mr. President, I ask that Members of the Senate join me in recognizing and honoring the work and lifetime achievements of Mr. Donald J. Babb.

SOUTHSIDE SAVANNAH RAIDERS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, the Southside Savannah Raiders baseball team of Savannah, GA deserves recognition for its extraordinary talent and teamwork for its winning the State championship of the 1996 Division A Georgia Recreation and Parks Twelve and Under Youth Division. The Raiders achieved an impressive record of 53 wins and 3 losses for the year, and secured the League, City, District 2, and Georgia Games titles, as well as second place in the AAU State Tournament, on their way to the championship.

The All Stars included Joey Boaen, Christopher Burnsed, Brian Crider, Bryan Donahue, Matthew Dotson, Kevin Finnegan, Kevin Edge, Mark Hamilton, Garrett Harvey, Bobby Keal, Adam Kitchen, and Daniel Willard. Linn Burnsed, Danny Boaen, and Dana Edge ably coached these young players and instilled in them a winning attitude and a sense of sportsmanship. The team's success can be attributed to the dedication of all of the team members, as well as the parents and countless friends who lent their support.

Mr. President, I appreciate the chance to acknowledge the Southside Savannah Raiders' successes, and commend the ability and dedication of these champions.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday,

September 29, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,388,315,809,652.79. (Five trillion, three hundred eighty-eight billion, three hundred fifteen million, eight hundred nine thousand, six hundred fifty-two dollars and seventy-nine cents)

Five years ago, September 29, 1992, the federal debt stood at \$4,045,289,000,000. (Four trillion, forty-five billion, two hundred eighty-nine million)

Ten years ago, September 29, 1987, the federal debt stood at \$2,340,446,000,000. (Two trillion, three hundred forty billion, four hundred forty-six million)

Fifteen years ago, September 29, 1982, the federal debt stood at \$1,118,989,000,000. (One trillion, one hundred eighteen billion, nine hundred eighty-nine million)

Twenty-five years ago, September 29, 1972, the federal debt stood at \$433,946,000,000 (Four hundred thirty-three billion, nine hundred forty-six million) which reflects a debt increase of nearly \$5 trillion—\$4,954,369,809,652.79 (Four trillion, nine hundred fifty-four billion, three hundred sixty-nine million, eight hundred nine thousand, six hundred fifty-two dollars and seventy-nine cents) during the past 25 years.

REPORT OF THE NOTICE OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE IRAN EMERGENCY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 70

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the Iran emergency declared in 1979 is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 1997, to the *Federal Register* for publication. Similar notices have been sent annually to the Congress and the *Federal Register* since November 12, 1980. The most recent notice appeared in the *Federal Register* on October 31, 1996. This emergency is separate from that declared with respect to Iran on March 15, 1995, in Executive Order 12957.

The crisis between the United States and Iran that began in 1979 has not been fully resolved. The international tribunal established to adjudicate claims of the United States and U.S. nationals against Iran and of the Iranian government and Iranian nationals

against the United States continues to function, and normalization of commercial and diplomatic relations between the United States and Iran has not been achieved. In these circumstances, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force the broad authorities that are in place by virtue of the November 14, 1979, declaration of emergency and that are needed in the process of implementing the January 1981 agreements with Iran.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, September 30, 1997.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 871. An act to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System; to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1420. An act to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purpose.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

At 11:10 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2472. An act to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1211. An act to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs.

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2203) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1116. An act to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District.

H.R. 2487. An act to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the child support enforcement program and thereby increase the financial stability of single parent families including those attempting to leave welfare.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 4:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one

of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

S. 1211. An act to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs.

H.J. Res. 94. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

At 5:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2378) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1116. An act to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clinton Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2487. An act to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the child support enforcement program and thereby increase the financial stability of single parent families including those attempting to leave welfare; to the Committee on Finance.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 30, 1997 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bills:

S. 871. An act to establish in the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System; to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust, and for other purposes.

S. 1211. An act to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-3060. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on August 25, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3061. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules received on August 26, 1997;

to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3062. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, seven rules received on August 27, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3063. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules received on September 15, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3064. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules received on September 16, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3065. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules received on September 5, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3066. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, six rules received on September 10, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3067. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 15, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3068. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, four rules received on September 17, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3069. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules received on September 18, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3070. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules received on September 22, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3071. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules received on September 23, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3072. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules received on September 26, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3073. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 26, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3074. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish

and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting" (RIN1018-AE14) received on September 29, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3075. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting" (RIN1018-AE14) received on August 25, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3076. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on August 21, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3077. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on August 22, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3078. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on August 29, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3079. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 5, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3080. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 12, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3081. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 29, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3082. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Agency's Strategic Plan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3083. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "1997-98 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations" (RIN1018-AE18) received on September 4, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3084. A communication from the Director of the State and Site Identification Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 25, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3085. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Atomic Energy Act Amendments of 1997"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3086. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on August 28, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3087. A communication from the Deputy Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, informational copies of a Building Project Survey for the Baltimore, Maryland, metropolitan area; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3088. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Sites; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3089. A communication from the Executive Secretary of the Inland Waterways