

This "buried gem" is a provision that will allow military personnel and dependents stationed overseas to participate in a program very similar to the WIC—the Women, Infants and Children—nutrition program. The WIC program in this country has enjoyed full, bipartisan support for many years, and this new provision provides that our forces abroad will be entitled to benefit from a very similar program with eligibility calculated under very similar rules.

The chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, Senator LUGAR, and the ranking member, Senator HARKIN, along with the chairman of the nutrition subcommittee, Senator FITZGERALD, worked together with me and other members of the Committee on this WIC in the military issue. We received valuable input on this recent amendment from the DOD and the military liaison offices, as well as from the Department of Agriculture. We are grateful for that assistance.

I know that many of us worked together last year on this issue also. Last year, I introduced the bill, Strengthening Families in the Military Service Act of 1999 (S. 1162), which was designed to provide WIC benefits to military personnel and to certain civilian personnel, stationed overseas.

In my floor statement on May 26 of last year, I noted that "if it makes sense to allow those stationed in the United States to participate in WIC, it makes sense to allow those stationed overseas to have the important nutritional benefits of that program. Why should families lose their benefits when they are moved overseas?"

A former staff person, Janet Breslin, who worked for me as Deputy Chief of Staff of the Senate Agriculture Committee and now is stationed in Japan with her husband, sent me a note saying:

WIC can make all the difference to an at-risk baby or pregnant mother. There is a specific need here in Okinawa. Our young families make the long trip to Japan to represent their country. They are separated from family and friends back home. Because we have limited base housing, some are forced to live off-base for months or a year. During this time the family faces the high cost of living in Japan, especially high utility fees and food costs. For many, huge phone bills home put many families in a financial pinch.

If these at-risk families were in the United States, they would qualify for WIC, which would provide nutritious dairy and other food products for the family. However, due to a legal quirk, WIC is not available for Americans on overseas military bases.

This effort, by you and others, would help reduce the pressure on these young families, improve the health of mother and baby, and enhance the quality of life for Americans serving their country halfway around the world.

Janet perfectly summarized why we should provide WIC to our military personnel overseas.

My bill, and the amendment included in the DOD bill, provide that the Secretary of Defense will administer such

a program under rules similar to the WIC program administered by the Secretary of Agriculture within the United States.

For 26 years the WIC program has provided nutritious foods to low-income pregnant, post-partum and breast-feeding women, infants, and children who are judged to be at a nutritional risk.

It has proven itself to be a great investment: For every dollar invested in the WIC program, an estimated \$3 is saved in future medical expenses. WIC has helped to prevent low birth weight babies and associated risks such as developmental disabilities, birth defects, and other complications. Participation in the WIC program has also been linked to reductions in infant mortality.

These same benefits should be provided overseas to military families who are serving our country, living miles from their homes on military bases in foreign lands, and whose nutritional health is at risk. If they were stationed within our borders, their diets would be supplemented by the WIC program, and they would receive vouchers or packages of healthy foods, such as fortified cereals and juices, high protein products, and other foods especially rich in needed minerals and vitamins.

My staff has been in direct contact with military officials on this matter and they have expressed a strong desire for this reform. I know that many Vermonters stationed overseas want WIC benefits to be offered at their bases. We should not turn our backs on these Americans stationed abroad.

My bill last year, and this amendment, disregard the value of in-kind housing assistance in calculating eligibility which increases the number of women, infants and children that can participate and makes the program similar to the program in the United States. This is the correct approach—let's not shortchange our service personnel stationed overseas.

The average monthly food cost would be around \$30 to \$35 for each participant, based on Department of Defense estimates of the cost of an average WIC food package in military commissaries. As many as 40,000 to 50,000 persons could be eligible for this program, but it is uncertain how many of those would apply. In the United States, 80 percent of those who are eligible actually apply.

Administration costs—which include medical, health and nutrition assessments—are likely to be about \$10 per month per participant. We know from experience that each dollar spent on WIC is a very wise investment, which is why I am very pleased that this amendment was accepted today.

I want to thank several Senate staff members who have worked on this issue, including Ed Barron and Elizabeth Darrow on my staff, Dave Johnson and Carol Dubard with Chairman LUGAR, Mark Halverson and Lowell Unger with Senator HARKIN, and Terry

Van Doren with Senator FITZGERALD. Joe Richardson of CRS was also very helpful, as he has been over the years.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, June 14, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,643,728,718,133.89 (Five trillion, six hundred forty-three billion, seven hundred twenty-eight million, seven hundred eighty-eight thousand, one hundred thirty-three dollars and eighty-nine cents).

One year ago, June 14, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,608,265,000,000 (Five trillion, six hundred eight billion, two hundred sixty-five million).

Five years ago, June 14, 1995, the Federal debt stood at \$4,905,557,000,000 (Four trillion, nine hundred five billion, five hundred fifty-seven million).

Ten years ago, June 14, 1990, the Federal debt stood at \$3,122,390,000,000 (Three trillion, one hundred twenty-two billion, three hundred ninety million).

Fifteen years ago, June 14, 1985, the Federal debt stood at \$1,766,279,000,000 (One trillion, seven hundred sixty-six billion, two hundred seventy-nine million) which reflects a debt increase of almost \$4 trillion—\$3,877,449,718,133.89 (Three trillion, eight hundred seventy-seven billion, four hundred forty-nine million, seven hundred eighty-eight thousand, one hundred thirty-three dollars and eighty-nine cents) during the past 15 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

JOHN JAMES DALEY

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary Vermonter, John James Daley, who passed away last night at the age of 76. Mr. Daley leaves behind a devoted wife, a loving family and a grieving community which will miss his leadership and example.

Jack, as he was known, was born in my hometown of Rutland, Vermont on June 21, 1923 to John M. and Bridget C. Daley. He attended Norwich University and proudly served as a member of the United States Marine Corps in the Philippines and other parts of Asia. He found his niche as a public servant in 1956 when he was elected to the Rutland Board of Aldermen. From there he served as mayor for two years from 1961 to 1965, becoming the youngest man ever to have held the position.

In November of 1965 Jack was elected Lieutenant Governor of Vermont and served two terms with Governor Phil Hoff. Jack continued his career as a role model and advisor when he joined the Rutland Public School system as a teacher for many years. Through his lectures and by acting as a role model, he enriched the minds of our Vermont youth as he taught history, citizenship and American government. In 1981

Jack returned to the office of mayor and from there continued his legacy as he was reelected in 1983 and 1985. He continued to represent the interests of his hometown as he sought and served two terms in the Vermont House representing Rutland District 6-2.

Jack was a devoted family man. More than fifty years ago he married another Rutland native, Mary Margaret Creed. Together they became the proud parents of eleven children, nine girls and two boys. Mary's everlasting energy allowed her not only to raise their own eleven children but tirelessly work as a nurse in the nursery at the Rutland Hospital helping to care for the children of others. Ceaseless in her dedication, she continues to help out when needed despite her retirement.

Today, I pay tribute to the accomplishments of this public servant, father, husband and my friend, John James Daley. Today, Rutland and the entire state of Vermont grieve for a great man. Farewell, Jack. You will be truly missed.●

NATIONAL SERVICE—LEARNING LEADER SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, the Corporation for National Service recently announced the winners of the second annual National Service—Learning Leader Schools Program, a Presidential Award that recognizes schools for excellence in service-learning.

Learn and Serve America, one of the three national service programs of the Corporation for National Service, is sponsoring the Leader Schools initiative. In its second year, the Leader Schools program is honoring 34 middle schools and 32 high schools in 31 states for thoughtfully and effectively combining academic subjects with community service in a way that benefits students, teaches civic responsibility, and strengthens communities.

Service-learning is expanding in the United States. The Department of Education found that in 1984, only 27 percent of all high schools had school-sponsored community service projects and only 9 percent offered service-learning. By the 1998-99 school year, those numbers rose to a remarkable 83 percent and 46 percent, respectively.

Three schools in Massachusetts—Wareham High School and Wareham Middle School in Wareham and Tantasqua Regional Junior High School in Fiskdale have been leaders in our state on service-learning and were honored as National Service Learning Leader Schools this year. I commend each of these schools for the important work they have accomplished in making community service an integral part of school life. These schools are impressive models for Massachusetts and for the nation.

The Leader Schools program is not simply an awards program. The schools being honored are making a two year commitment to assist other schools

through mentoring and coaching, thereby contributing to the spread of service-learning throughout the country.

The Corporation for National Service also administers AmeriCorps, the domestic Peace Corps that is engaging Americans in extensive, service activities in this country. In addition, the Corporation administers the National Senior Service Corps which enables nearly half a million Americans age fifty-five and older to share their time and talents to help solve local problems.

All of these outstanding programs are achieving great success under the strong leadership of our former colleague in the Senate, Harris Wofford, the chief executive officer of the Corporation.

The sixty-six Leader Schools will be honored in a ceremony at the Kennedy Center this week. These schools are true leaders in education reform. I commend them for their academic achievements and their contributions to our country through community service, and I ask the list of the Leader Schools may be printed in the RECORD.

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Academy for Science and Foreign Language, Huntsville, AL; Eureka Senior High School, Eureka, CA; Irvington High School, Fremont, CA; Howard High School of Technology, Wilmington, DE; Wakulla Middle School, Crawfordville, FL; Neptune Middle School, Kissimmee, FL; Bay High School, Panama City, FL; Taylor County High School, Perry, FL; Carol Shores High School, Tavernier, FL; Waiakea High School, Hilo, HI; Punahou School, Honolulu, HI; President George Washington Middle School, Honolulu, HI; Bettendorf High School, Bettendorf, IA; Resurrection High School, Chicago, IL; Field Middle School, Northbrook, IL; Paoli Senior High School, Paoli, IN; Warren Central High School, Bowling Green, KY; North Laurel Middle School, London, KY; East Jessamine Middle School, Nicholasville, KY; Tantasqua Regional Jr. High School, Fiskdale, MA; Wareham High School, Wareham, MA; Wareham Middle School, Wareham, MA;

Phillips Middle School, Phillips, ME; Lahser High School, Bloomfield Hills, MI; Romulus High School, Romulus, MI; Fulton Academy, Fulton, MO; Tupelo Middle School, Tupelo, MS; Chief Joseph Middle School, Bozeman, MT; Lewistown Junior High School, Lewistown, MT; Ramsey Street Alternative Middle School, Fayetteville, NC; Ferndale Middle School, Highpoint, NC; Piedmont High School, Monroe, NC; Woodbury Middle School, Salem, NH; Woodsville High School, Woodsville, NH; Cranford High School, Cranford, NJ; Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest, NJ; Terence C. Reilly Middle School, Elizabeth, NJ; Delsea Regional Middle School, Franklinville, NJ; Hoboken Charter School, Hoboken, NJ; John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, Iselin, NJ; Linden High School, Linden, NJ; Opportunity School, Reno, NV; Scotia-Glenville Junior High School, Scotia, NY;

W.T. Clarke Middle School, Westbury, NY; Russell F. Hobart Middle School, Painesville, OH; Hastings Middle School, Upper Arlington, OH; Jones Middle School, Upper Arlington, OH; The Environmental Middle School, Portland, OR; Tillamook Junior High School, Tillamook, OR; Lamberton

Middle School, Carlisle, PA; Parkway West Alternative Center for Education, Oakdale, PA; Feinstein High School for Public Service, Providence, RI; D.R. Hill Middle School, Duncan, SC; Britton's Neck High School, Gresham, SC; Pickens Middle School, Pickens, SC; Wren Middle School, Piedmont, SC; Camp Creek School, Greeneville, TN; Harpeth Hall School, Nashville, TN; Quest High School, Humble, TX; Weatherford High School, Weatherford, TX; Box Elder Community High School, Brigham City, UT; Evergreen Junior High, Salt Lake City, UT; William E. Waters Middle School, Portsmouth, VA; River Bluff Middle School, Stoughton, WI; WVDE at Davis Stuart School, Lewisburg, WV; Morgantown High School, Morgantown, WV.●

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN SYGALL

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, July 26 will mark the 10th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In the next few weeks we'll be holding a number of events here in Washington and around the country to celebrate the ADA. And right now it looks like we can start our party a little early.

I just found out that yesterday, Susan Sygall, a woman with a disability, received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. Each year, the MacArthur Foundation awards 20 or so unrestricted \$500,000 grants to, and I quote, "talented individuals who have shown extraordinary originality and dedication. . . ." These so-called "genius grants" are among the most prestigious in the world.

Susan is the Executive Director of Mobility International USA. Mobility International's mission is to empower people with disabilities, particularly women, through international exchange, and by providing information, technical assistance, and training to ensure the inclusion of people with disabilities in international exchange and development programs.

Right now, Mobility International is, among other things, facilitating a program to develop relationships between the disability communities in Vietnam and in the United States. Some of Susan's genius must have rubbed off on us in the Foreign Operations Committee because we encouraged USAID to fund disability rights programs in Vietnam. I hope that we can help the program again this year.

I strongly believe that for all of America's economic and military might, our greatest strength will always be our democratic principles. Those principles have served as the foundation for aspiring democracies everywhere. As our own democracy matures, and the ADA is a testament to that, it is essential that we export the lessons we have learned.

I have seen personally how the ADA has fostered disability rights activism around the world and as the 10th Anniversary approaches I can think of no better person to honor than Susan Sygall. A civil rights law is only as great as the people who bring it to life every day. That's why when I hear about people like Susan, I know that the ADA's future is in good hands.●