

Ten years ago, July 10, 1990, the Federal debt stood at \$3,153,274,000,000 (Three trillion, one hundred fifty-three billion, two hundred seventy-four million).

Fifteen years ago, July 10, 1985, the Federal debt stood at \$1,794,793,000,000 (One trillion, seven hundred ninety-four billion, seven hundred ninety-three million).

Twenty-five years ago, July 10, 1975, the Federal debt stood at \$531,474,000,000 (Five hundred thirty-one billion, four hundred seventy-four million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,131,475,608,628.38 (Five trillion, one hundred thirty-one billion, four hundred seventy-five million, six hundred eight thousand, six hundred twenty-eight dollars and thirty-eight cents) during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RETIREMENT OF PETER J. LIACOURAS

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a dear friend who retired after an outstanding tenure at one of our great public research universities. On June 30, 2000, Peter J. Liacouras stepped down as President of Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania after eighteen years of service in this capacity.

A Temple professor of Law for almost 40 years and a former Dean of Temple University's Beasley School of Law, Mr. Liacouras served as the University's chief executive since June of 1982. Under his leadership, Temple University achieved national and international prominence as a center for research, teaching, and public service.

With vision and confidence, he presided over a university with nearly 29,000 students; a world-class faculty; 16,000 full-time and part-time employees; a renowned Health Sciences Center, the Temple University Health System, Inc., with seven hospitals and two nursing homes; 210,000 proud graduates throughout the world; an annual budget of more than \$1 billion; successful, long-established campuses in Rome, Italy, and Tokyo, Japan; and educational programs in Great Britain, France, Jamaica, Greece, Israel, Ghana, the People's Republic of China, and other nations.

Throughout his career at Temple, Mr. Liacouras worked vigorously and tirelessly in the pursuit of excellence. The bedrock of his administration was a commitment to improving undergraduate, graduate, and professional education within his institution, and he restructured Temple's schools and colleges to meet the needs of students and the world they enter after graduation.

He was an advocate of opening colleges and universities to persons from historically underrepresented groups—an effort which led to Temple becoming

the first university to receive the U.S. Labor Department's coveted Exemplary Voluntary Effort (EVE) Award. As Dean of the Law School, this son of Greek immigrants earned national recognition for developing fair and sensible admissions policies for professional schools.

President Liacouras was also a leader in bringing change to his University and anticipating even greater change in the future. His "Report to the Board of Trustees on Strategic Initiatives" helped Temple reposition itself in a radically changing environment for higher education. With his direction, the University launched Virtual Temple, a for-profit subsidiary to market courses on the Internet.

He dramatically improved his university's town-gown relationship with its surrounding communities. While strengthening Temple's overseas educational programs, he led the way for the University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to invest in the University's Main Campus, with such projects as the Temple University Children's Medical Center, The Liacouras Center, The Tuttleman Learning Center, and the Independence Blue Cross Student Recreation Center.

His strategic vision for the Main Campus helped revitalize North Central Philadelphia. As a result, community residents are seeing new housing and new retail and entertainment projects in their neighborhoods—and Temple is experiencing an unprecedented influx of talented students who want an education in a great city.

Mr. President, I doubt that few institutions could rival Temple University for its accomplishments and progress during the remarkable stewardship of President Liacouras. I would like to thank my friend for his extraordinary success in leading Temple University to new heights of greatness as one of America's important centers of higher education. ●

TRIBUTE TO NATALIE DAVIS SPINGARN

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, on June 6, 2000, we lost a very courageous, brilliant, and dedicated American, Natalie Davis Spingarn. A noted writer, public servant, and leading advocate for cancer patients, Natalie was also a good friend who I miss greatly. She suffered many health problems over the years, but she lived her life with purpose, grace, and humor. Natalie built on her own experience as a cancer patient to lead the cancer survivor movement and to work for improved care and services for cancer patients.

I met Natalie in 1963, when she was the press secretary for the late Senator Abraham Ribicoff and I was a summer intern. Natalie made a great impression on me then and, quite a few years later, Natalie served as a senior intern in my Senate office where she contributed her wealth of experience and knowledge to my efforts in the area of

health policy. Natalie was a trusted adviser, who endeared herself to my staff and me with her wisdom, energy, compassion, and wit.

Mr. President, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to a wonderful article about Natalie Spingarn that appeared on June 7 in *The Washington Post*. Natalie was a frequent contributor to the Health section of the *Post*, and I know she would be proud to see Bart Barnes' tribute reprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The tribute follows:

AUTHOR NATALIE DAVIS SPINGARN DIES
(By Bart Barnes)

Natalie Davis Spingarn, 78, an author and former federal official who for 26 years had written books and articles about her recurring bouts with cancer, died of pancreatic cancer June 6 at the Washington Home Hospice.

Mrs. Spingarn, who initially was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in 1974, was a leader in the cancer survivorship movement, a writer on health care policy and a patients' advocate with cancer patient support organizations.

Her writings included a 1988 "Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights," "Hanging in There: Living Well on Borrowed Time" and "The New Cancer Survivors: Living With Grace, Fighting With Spirit," which was published by John Hopkins University Press last year.

"The biopsy is positive. You have cancer," she wrote in "The New Cancer Survivors," commencing her account of the experience shared by an estimated 8.2 million Americans who have a history of cancer.

"Spingarn distills the diversity of the cancer survivor experience, finding the commonality among them," wrote Frances M. Cisco, a 12-year survivor of breast cancer and the president of the National Breast Cancer Coalition, in an April 18 review of Mrs. Spingarn's book published in *The Washington Post*. "With compassion, insight and occasional humor, Spingarn pulls the reader into the world of what she terms 'the new breed of cancer survivors.' These are not passion victims but confident individuals, ready to speak up to seek out what they need to lead quality lives."

Mrs. Spingarn, a former staff assistant to Abraham A. Ribicoff, both during his tenure as secretary of health, education and welfare and as a Democratic senator from Connecticut, was an officer of the War on Poverty in the late 1960's and early 1970's. She was also a freelance writer who had written articles for *The Washington Post* and other organizations.

She was active in Democratic Party politics and had been a D.C. delegate to two Democratic National Conventions. During the 1968 presidential campaign of Hubert H. Humphrey, she traveled with the vice president as a speech writer.

Mrs. Spingarn, a resident of Washington, was born in New York and graduated from Vassar College. She began her professional career as a reporter on the New York newspaper *PM* shortly after college, then came to Washington with her husband after World War II.

She joined Ribicoff as his executive assistant at HEW in 1961 and remained with him after his 1962 election to the Senate. In 1967, she returned to HEW as assistant director for communications and training at the center for community planning, which was established to coordinate urban efforts in the War on Poverty. She remained on that job through the early 1970s. Later, she was a public affairs assistant at the Department of

Education and a D.C. General Hospital commissioner. She was a White House volunteer in the Clinton administration.

In the years after her breast cancer was diagnosed in 1974, Mrs. Spingarn wrote increasingly about issues related to cancer treatment and care. She reviewed several books on health care for the Health section of *The Washington Post*, and she wrote first-person accounts about her own treatment and care.

She had a family history replete with cancer. Her grandmother died of cancer. Both her sisters had breast cancer, and one died of pancreatic cancer. A son survived a bout with lymphoma.

In 1977 and 1979, Mrs. Spingarn experienced new diagnoses of cancer.

"In my work, I write usually about health policy matters. . . . In my life I am a patient, a role which takes time—too much time," she wrote in *The Washington Post* in 1980. "I am living still in my Washington hospital bed. . . . A nurse comes in to check on me. . . . 'What's the matter with you?' she wants to know. . . . my disease seems to her my fault. She makes no move toward me, even to inquire if I need anything, and observes that I should have talked to the doctor about avoiding its spread. . . ."

In 1981, she wrote about her search for a holistic means of dealing with cancer. "I had flirted with the idea that my emotions might affect my cancer pain during a period a few years ago when I suffered especially nagging backaches. I had discarded clumsy back brace, which made me sweat and my clothes balloon. Doctors and a pain clinic had only given me more pills. . . . the latest had made my hands tremble."

In the ensuing years, Mrs. Spingarn would write of needs for long-term care and increased mental health services for cancer patients, rules and regulations that often appeared to be contradictory and cause unnecessary hardship, and waste, fraud and inefficiency that many patients routinely encounter.

She won an award at the John Muir Medical Film Festival for a film, "Patients and Doctors: Communication Is a Two-Way Street," and she served on the boards of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship and the International Alliance of Patient Organizations.

Survivors include her husband, Jerome Spingarn of Washington; two sons, Jonathan Spingarn of Atlanta and Jeremy Spingarn of Norwood, Mass.; a brother; a sister; and two grandchildren.

THE SINDTS' 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, families are the cornerstone of America. Individuals from strong families contribute to the society. It is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of "till death us do part" seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Merrill and Barbara Sindt of Jefferson City, Missouri, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone. The Sindts' commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized.●

SOUTH CAROLINA PEACHES

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise to recognize South Carolina's peach farmers for their hard work and their delicious peaches.

Today, peaches from my home State have been delivered to offices throughout the Senate and the U.S. Capitol. Thanks to South Carolina's peach farmers, those of us here in Washington will be able to cool off from the summer heat with delicious peaches.

For a relatively small State, South Carolina is second in the Nation in peach production. In fact, this year farmers across my State planted more than 16,000 acres of peaches. As my colleagues can attest, these are some of the finest peaches produced anywhere in the United States.

As we savor the taste of these peaches, we should remember the work and labor that goes into producing such a delicious fruit. While Americans enjoy peaches for appetizers, entrees and desserts, most do not stop to consider where they come from. Farmers will be laboring all summer in the heat and humidity to bring us what we call the "perfect candy." What else curbs a sweet tooth, is delicious, nutritious and satisfying, but not fattening?

The truth is, Mr. President, our farmers as too often the forgotten workers in our country. Through their dedication and commitment, our nation is able to enjoy a wonderful selection of fresh fruit, vegetables and other foods. In fact, our agricultural system, at times, is the envy of the world.

Mr. President, as Senators and their staff feast on these delicious peaches, I hope they will remember the people in South Carolina who made this endeavor possible: The South Carolina Peach Council, David Winkles and the entire South Carolina Farm Bureau. They have all worked extremely hard to ensure that the U.S. Senate gets a taste of South Carolina.

I am sure everyone in our Nation's Capitol will be smiling as they enjoy these delicious South Carolina peaches.●

RECOGNITION OF THE DESTINATION IN IMAGINATION TEAM FROM PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

• Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, it is not often that over 8,000 kids from all over the world are brought together to celebrate their creativity and problem solving skills, but thanks to a program called Destination ImagiNation, it became a reality in May of this year when Destination ImagiNation held their Global Finals at Iowa State University. A five-student team from Pioneer Middle School in Wenatchee, Washington were able to participate in the D2K finals and were a great success when they finished fourth in the "Instant PUDDING Improv" category.

Destination ImagiNation is a non-profit corporation that offers young people a chance to participate in a

global, youth-centered, creative problem solving program. The Destination ImagiNation program has two components: "Instant Challenges" that teach students to take what life is handing them moment to moment and requires them to solve a challenge on the spot; "Team Challenges" use art, technology, performance, and real world relevance as they tackle one of the six challenges, that can take from several weeks to several months to develop.

The team from Pioneer Middle School included Carly Faulkner, Kari Opp, Whitney Faulkner, Jessica Pinkston and Aaron Galbraith. Utilizing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills, these amazing individuals were able to perform an improvisational story with only a half and hour to prepare. Not only were there time limits, but they were given predetermined props and a list of 12 people, places, and times that had to be incorporated into their performance.

Can you imagine having to correlate Ghandi, the Egyptian Pyramids, Tinkerbell, and someone winning a million dollars in the Lotto into a coherent and entertaining piece? Successfully, the 8th graders were able to accomplish just that. Surely, this takes a tremendous deal of teamwork and quick thinking!

Their coach, Shelly Skaar, who is a librarian for the East Wenatchee School District, has been with the team twice at the D2K competition. "The impact on the kids has built their teamwork, problem solving abilities, and even incorporates acting into how they compete," says Shelly.

Clearly, this is a confidence building tool that allows children to capitalize on their creativity and be proud of their ideas. I applaud the positive nature of Destination ImagiNation, and am glad that so many children across the nation and around the globe are taking part in such an original competition.●

RECOGNITION OF "STEPMOTHER'S DAY"

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my support for the many stepparents that contribute to the lives of the children that they help raise. I was sent a letter on May 21, 2000 from Mrs. Joyce Capuzzi informing me that the Sunday after Mother's Day would now be Stepmother's Day.

Joyce's stepdaughter, Lizzie, came to this decision as she recognized the importance of the relationship she has with her stepmother. I commend both Joyce and Lizzie for embracing their new family members in this manner.

Many people are blessed with step-relationships similar to the Capuzzis. However, none have ever illustrated that with the idea of creating a holiday just for the recognition of this type of relationship. It is wonderful that Lizzie Capuzzi holds so much love for her stepmother, and it is my hope that they their relationship can be an example for other stepfamilies.●