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Twenty-five years ago, September 25, 1975, the Federal debt stood at \$552,347,000,000, five hundred fifty-two billion, three hundred forty-seven million which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,093,905,666,475.97, five trillion, ninety-three billion, nine hundred five million, six hundred sixty-six thousand, four hundred seventy-five dollars and ninety-seven cents during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF SEA CADET MONTH

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, September is Sea Cadet Month, and today I rise to pay tribute to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Sea Cadet organizations exist in most of the maritime nations around the world. Having recognized the value of these organizations, the Department of the Navy requested the Navy League to establish a similar program for American youth.

Since their creation in 1958—and their federal incorporation by Congress in 1962—the Naval Sea Cadets Corps has encouraged and aided American youth ages 13–17, training them in seagoing skills and instilling within them patriotism, courage, and commitment. By teaching America's youth the important role of maritime service in national defense and economic stability, the Corps has produced responsible and capable leaders. Weekly and monthly drills at local units and more intensive two-week training sessions, stress physical fitness, seamanship, shipboard safety, first aid, naval history, and leadership while advanced training sessions range from a submarine seminar to aviation school. Thanks in part to this training, Sea Cadets demonstrate the leadership skills and responsibility that allow them to excel and become leaders in their communities.

I wish to pay special tribute to LT Lance Nemanic and the Twin Cities Squadron of the Sea Cadets, for their dedicated service to Minnesota's Youth. I would also like to thank those men and women who continue to make the U.S. Sea Cadets Corps the pride of the Navy.●

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE SPEAKER DONNA SYTEK

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Donna Sytek as she retires as Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Donna's dedication to public service is remarkable, and she has done much in her twelve terms in the House to make life better for the people of our great state.

Throughout her nearly quarter century as a member of the House, Donna

has worked tirelessly on issues about which she feels passionate: crime, juvenile justice reform and education. She has shepherded numerous bills into law, including legislation that established the Department of Corrections, legislation that guarantees truth in sentencing; and an anti-stalking law. She also authored two amendments to the New Hampshire Constitution, including one to limit abuse of the insanity defense in 1984 and another to earmark sweepstakes revenues to education in 1990. Donna has held many leadership positions during her distinguished career as well. She has been active for many years in the National Conference of State Legislatures and currently sits on their executive committee. She is also a former chairwoman of the New Hampshire Republican Party and a past president of the National Republican Legislators association.

Donna's position in the state legislature has allowed her to travel the world to promote New Hampshire. She has visited Germany, England, Taiwan, Latvia, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Israel to learn about their cultures and economies while helping them learn a little more about our great state.

Donna and her husband John have been fixtures in their hometown of Salem since they moved there almost 30 years ago. They devote their time and energy to many local organizations including the Salem Boys and Girls Club and the Salem Visiting Nurse Association.

Donna's dedication to her community and the legislature are exemplary, and her accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. The editors of New Hampshire Editors Magazine named her "the most powerful woman in New Hampshire" in 1997.

Once again, I would like to thank Speaker Sytek for her tremendous service to the people of New Hampshire and wish her good health and happiness in her retirement. I am proud to call her my friend, and I am honored to represent her in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD MASTERS

• Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, I would like to extend my appreciation and congratulations to former Ambassador Edward Masters on the occasion of his retirement on October 18 from his position as President of United States-Indonesia Society.

During his 30-year career in the Foreign Service, in which he reached the senior rank of Career Minister, Ambassador Masters served as U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia and Bangladesh and Deputy Chief of Mission to Thailand. He also held posts in India and Pakistan and an assignment as director of the State Department's Office of East Asian Regional Affairs that involved policy coordination for the entire area.

Indonesia figured prominently in both Ambassador Masters' diplomatic and private sector careers. As Political Counselor of the United States Embassy in Jakarta from 1964–68, he worked on reconstructing U.S. relations with Indonesia at a very difficult time. This included closing out our economic aid, information and Peace Corps programs because of the highly adverse political situation in Indonesia. Toward the end of that period, he worked with various elements of the U.S. Government and NGOs to re-institute some of those programs but to do so in a way commensurate with Indonesian culture and sensitivities. He is, in fact, particularly known in both Indonesia and the United States for his ability to work effectively in the Indonesian environment.

As United States Ambassador from late 1977 until the end of 1981, one of his major responsibilities was managing a large and very important economic aid program. He worked in particular and in detail on the Provincial Development Program, the programs to expand Indonesia's food grain production and enhance human resources development. Toward the end of his tour he organized various elements of the mission to develop programs to get the U.S. Government more effectively behind the programs to develop Indonesia's private sector and increase cooperation between that sector and the United States.

In 1994, Ambassador Masters was instrumental in forming the United States-Indonesia Society. The Society is the preeminent institution in the United States devoted to developing a broad range of programs aimed at developing greater awareness and appreciation about Indonesia and the importance of the U.S.-Indonesia relationship in all major sectors in the U.S. Ambassador Masters has given briefings throughout the United States to academic institutions and other interested groups. He has provided witness testimony on numerous occasions before the Senate and House Foreign Relations Subcommittees on East Asian and Pacific Affairs on numerous occasions. He has organized conferences and other forums bringing Indonesians and Americans together to discuss short and long-term issues of mutual concern. One such conference he organized last October in cooperation with the Embassy of Indonesia in Washington DC., brought some of the most impressive, influential, and knowledgeable individuals from Indonesia and the United States to discuss the 50 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries and to provide policy suggestions to both governments on how to strengthen ties in the new millennium.

On September 28, 1998 the Indonesian government recognized Ambassador Masters' valuable contributions and decorated him with the Bintang Mahaputra Utama, the second highest

award given by the Government of Indonesia for his commitment and contribution to forging closer ties between the U.S. and Indonesia.

As Chairman, I would also like to recognize and say thanks Ambassador Masters for the valuable work he has done. When I began my tenure as Chairman, Indonesia was—unfortunately—largely ignored in the United States. Despite being the fourth largest country in the world, and the largest Muslim country, its accomplishments and its importance to the United States as a friend and ally were largely overlooked and reduced to occasional tongue-lashings regarding Timor Timur.

I made changing that situation a top priority of my chairmanship. And my job was made a lot easier by Ambassador Masters.

The United States-Indonesia Society has greatly shaped, increased awareness and knowledge and provided support to those of us in the United States, including both houses of Congress, the administration and the government, the press, NGO community, academia and the population at large on the importance of Indonesia to the United States. Over the last two years this Society has become even more essential in helping the United States to understand the complex dynamics involved in moving from an authoritarian regime to the third largest democracy in the world.

I understand why Ambassador Masters has decided to step down as President; he has earned the respite. But those of us concerned with the U.S.-Indonesia relationship will surely miss him and his steady hand at the tiller. I can only profoundly thank him for his many years of public service to the United States, and to his life-long commitment to improving relations between the United States and Indonesia. As the Indonesians would say, "Terima kasih banyak."•

OBSERVANCE OF ROSH HASHANAH

• Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, on the occasion of the beginning of Rosh Hashanah and the High Holy Day season, Janet and I are pleased to offer our best wishes to Missouri's Jewish community, and to our Jewish friends throughout the United States and the world. As the High Holiday Machzor, or prayerbook, states, "On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed," what will be our fates for the year to come. With this in mind, it is my sincere hope that this year will bring to all of us: peace throughout the world, peace in Israel, and everlasting peace in a united Jerusalem, the eternal capital of Israel.

During this time of year, your days of awe, know that I join with you in the sanctity of your celebration. May this period's spirit of reconciliation and renewal remind all Missourians, of all faiths, of our shared responsibilities, toward families, friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens.

Once again, Janet joins me in sending our best wishes to Jews everywhere for the year 5761, and in saying, L'Shana Tova Tekateivu—may you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good year.●

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE CONNIE MACK OF FLORIDA AND HIS STAFF

• Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, with respect and admiration, I offer a tribute to my colleague from Florida, The Honorable CONNIE MACK.

Senator MACK has served his state and nation with distinction, and I have been honored to serve with him in this institution to represent the people of Florida. CONNIE and Priscilla Mack have long been our neighbors in Washington; they will always remain our friends.

I was first elected to the United States Senate in 1986, CONNIE MACK was elected in 1988. As colleagues in the Senate, we set out to work together on behalf of Florida.

Senator MACK and I are loyal members of different political parties. We don't always vote the same, nor do we agree on every issue. But, as Senator MACK prepares to leave this institution, I can say with pride that we achieved our goal of working together—and our staffs have worked together—on behalf of Floridians.

In offering this personal salute to Senator MACK, I also wish to praise the dedication and professionalism of his staff. On behalf of my family and my staff, I thank Senator MACK's staff—past and present—and wish them continued success.

During his two terms in the United States Senate, Senator MACK assembled a talented staff which made multiple contributions to public service. I ask that the names of these current and past members of Senator MACK's staff be printed in the RECORD as a token of our appreciation and to reflect their significant roles in the history of this great institution.

The list follows:

THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS WORKED FOR SENATOR MACK IN THE 106TH CONGRESS
WASHINGTON, DC OFFICE

Tysha Banks, Beth Ann Barozie, Frank Bonner, Curtis Brison, Cara Broughton, Amy Chapman, Tracie Chesterman, Treasa Chopp, Deidra Ciriello, Julie Clark, Charles Cooper, Steve Cote, Dan Creekman, Colleen Cresanti, Graham Culp.

Susan Dubin, Rochelle Eubanks, Michael Gaines, Buz Gorman, Wendy Grubbs, Alan Haeberle, Patrick Kearney, Sheila Lazzari, C.K. Lee, Peter Levin, Ross Lindholm, Adam Lombardo, Cathy Marder, Jordan Paul, Elaine Petty.

Lauren Ploch, John Reich, Bethany Rogers, Suzanne Schaffrath, Carrie Schroeder, Nancy Segerdahl, Gary Schiffman, Boaz Singer, Benjamin Skaggs, Mark Smith, Sean Taylor, Yann Van Geertruyden, Greg Waddell, and Barbara Watkins.

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Richard Cores, Sigrid Ebert, Gladys Ferrer, Mercedes Leon, Sarah Marerro, Nilda Rodriguez, and Patrick Sowers.

PENSACOLA OFFICE

Andrew Raines and Kris Tande.

TALLAHASSEE OFFICE

Jennifer Cooper, Courtney Shumaker, and Greg Williams.

TAMPA OFFICE

Barbara Dicairano, Jim Harrison, Elizabeth Sherbuk, Jamie Wilson, and Amy Woodard.

THE FOLLOWING WORKED PRIOR TO 106TH CONGRESS, BUT PROBABLY WORKED CLOSELY WITH BG'S OFC

FORMER STAFF

Mitch Bainwol, Scott Barnhart, Glenn Bennett, Ellen Bork, Shellie Bressler, Jamie Brown, Kim Cobb, Jeff Cohen, Kerry Fennelly, Kimberly Fritts, Mary Anne Gauthier, Lawrence Harris, Stacey Hughes.

Jackie Ignacio, Joe Jacquot, Chris Lord, Mark Mills, Bob Mottice, Yvonne Murray, Sheila Ross, Mary Beth Savary Taylor, Saul Singer, Meredith Smalley Quellette, Jeffery Styles, Dawn Teague, Beth Walker, and Jeffrey Walter.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1064. An act to authorize a coordinated program to promote the development of democracy in Serbia and Montenegro.

H.R. 4451. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1001 Frederick Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Frederick L. Dewberry, Jr. Post Office Building."

H.R. 4899. An act to establish a commission to promote a consistent and coordinated foreign policy of the United States to ensure economic and military security in the Asia-Pacific region through the promotion of democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5224. An act to amend the Agriculture Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 to authorize assistance for the stockpiling and rapid transportation, delivery, and distribution of shelf stable prepackaged foods to needy individuals in foreign countries.