

If we have learned anything from the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict it is that only through diplomacy can the people of the Middle East achieve peace and stability.

I also call on my colleagues in the Senate to support active American leadership in the region.

This is not the time—or the issue—to be engaging in partisan politics. Democrats and Republicans alike must unite in supporting our friends in Israel as well as President Bush and Secretary Powell in their peace-building efforts.

With this cease-fire, the United States must continue to be involved as a facilitator of peace and diplomacy in the Middle East.

The administration also must continue to follow in the footsteps of previous Republican and Democratic administrations alike, whose involvement in Arab-Israeli peacemaking led to historic breakthroughs such as the Camp David Accords, the Madrid Conference and the Wye Agreement.

Last year, by walking away from the negotiations, Mr. Arafat raised serious questions about whether he was truly committed to the cause of peace.

We are at another critical juncture and Mr. Arafat, now, again, has the opportunity to show he is serious about peace. In the past few days he has said the right things—in both English and Arabic—and now he must do the right things as well.

I believe that if the parties are committed to coexistence, and that if each continues to demonstrate the necessary leadership—with the United States playing an active and engaged role—we may soon see an end to the violence and a return to negotiations.

The events of the last 8 months will make it difficult, but with this cease-fire paving the way for a cooling off period and the implementation of confidence building measures, I remain hopeful that peace for the peoples of the Middle East is still possible.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY last month. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred in St. Louis, MO in 1998. A gay man was allegedly assaulted by a male neighbor who came into the victim's garage and hit him 12 times with a baseball bat saying, "You are a faggot motherf---er who needs to move [out of this neighborhood]. If you don't move, you're gonna die." The victim required 70 stitches and sustained a permanent head injury.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of

hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, June 12, 2001, the Federal debt stood at \$5,683,524,204,123.12, five trillion, six hundred eighty-three billion, five hundred twenty-four million, two hundred four thousand, one hundred twenty-three dollars and twelve cents.

One year ago, June 12, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,648,174,000,000, five trillion, six hundred forty-eight billion, one hundred seventy-four million.

Five years ago, June 12, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,141,287,000,000, five trillion, one hundred forty-one billion, two hundred eighty-seven million.

Ten years ago, June 12, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,491,404,000,000, three trillion, four hundred ninety-one billion, four hundred four million.

Fifteen years ago, June 12, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$2,046,458,000,000, two trillion, forty-six billion, four hundred fifty-eight million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$3.5 trillion, \$3,637,066,204,123.12, three trillion, six hundred thirty-seven billion, sixty-six million, two hundred four thousand, one hundred twenty-three dollars and twelve cents during the past 15 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO VICTOR ROSENBAUM

• Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I rise today in tribute to one of the great cultural treasures of Massachusetts, Victor Rosenbaum. Mr. Rosenbaum is the President of the esteemed Longy School of Music and has been an important figure in Boston's musical life for more than a quarter century, excelling as a pianist, teacher, conductor, composer, writer and administrator.

As a pianist, Victor Rosenbaum is critically acclaimed for his performances as a soloist and chamber musician. He has performed throughout the world and has appeared as a soloist with the Boston Pops, Pro Arte Orchestra, Boston Classical Orchestra and the Boston Philharmonic. His chamber music collaborations have been with such distinguished artists as Leonard Rose, Joseph Silverstein, Roman Totenberg, and the Vermeer and Cleveland Quartets.

In addition to teaching at Longy, Mr. Rosenbaum is also a member of the faculty at the prestigious New England Conservatory where he was the former chair of the Piano Department, and a current member of the faculty of Musicorda.

Since Mr. Rosenbaum's appointment as President in 1985, Longy has become a major performance center in the greater Boston area, and has greatly

expanded its curriculum for children, avocational students, and aspiring professional musicians and teachers.

In 1994, the Schools work with low-income school children from Cambridge came to the attention of the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, the Nation's largest private arts funder. Selecting Longy as one of the six non-profit cultural institutions nationwide to expand their youth programs, the Fund awarded the School \$355,000, the largest of the six and the largest single gift ever made to the School at that time, to provide private music instruction to students from Boston and Somerville as well as Cambridge and to develop an in-school music enrichment program.

Victor Rosenbaum has had an immeasurable impact on Boston's cultural life. He has elevated the quality of music in our city and expanded its reach to new audiences and music-lovers.

I commend him for what he has accomplished and extend congratulations to him as he retires from Longy at the end of his 16th year as its venerable President.●

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY FREDERICK

• Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, since 1963, the month of May has helped the Nation focus on the contributions and achievements of America's older citizens. The image of those over the age of 65 is dramatically different than it was just a generation ago. Older Americans increasingly redefine modern maturity, re-shape cultural boundaries and dispel age-related stereotypes associated with getting older. They are leaders in our families, in our workplaces and in our communities.

One of these leaders is an 80-year-old woman from Milford, IA. Dorothy Frederick understands the value of helping others. Through her initiative, concern and commitment, she has touched the lives of many in her community.

Mrs. Frederick and her husband, Ted, moved to Milford in 1950 where the couple has owned a hardware business for fifty years. After the couple's five children were grown, Mrs. Frederick's desire to stay active led to her increasing involvement in the community.

Through her church, Mrs. Frederick helped start meals on wheels in Milford more than twenty years ago. Over that time, she has gotten other churches in the community involved in the program. Today, meals on wheels is still going strong in Milford, and Mrs. Frederick continues to be the program coordinator. She is "on call" with the program each day and is responsible for finding drivers and coordinating their activities. She even fills in as a substitute driver when needed.

Mrs. Frederick's initiative also led to the establishment of the Dinner Date program in Milford nearly twenty years ago. Every Tuesday, Mrs. Frederick is responsible for serving meals

at the community meal site to senior citizens and others. Her ongoing commitment to these programs has contributed to their success all of these years.

Mrs. Frederick is a woman who likes a challenge. After serving six years on the city council, she was elected Mayor of Milford and served the better part of her six-year tenure while in her sixties. As mayor, Mrs. Frederick made her mark by fulfilling a campaign promise to put a streetlight on every corner in town. Today, she is still known as "the woman who lit up Milford."

Mrs. Frederick and her husband have been married for 58 years. The couple's five children and three grandchildren keep them very busy. When asked what she likes to do with her free time, Mrs. Frederick says her main interest is helping people and that all people are important, whether they be young or old.

I think those words are pretty good words to live by and I'd like to thank Mrs. Frederick for her contributions to the people of Milford. Her initiative and compassion for others is an example to us all that we should always be willing to help, no matter what our age.●

TRIBUTE TO RAJESH NAIR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Rajesh Nair of Milford, NH, on being named as New Hampshire High Technology Council's 2001 Entrepreneur of the Year.

As a former small business owner, I applaud Rajesh, President of Degree Controls, Inc., for his achievements in the field of thermal management controllers for electronics packaging. He and his company have been recognized in their industry as innovative leaders receiving the Partner in Excellence Gold Trophy for the top supplier to Lucent Technologies in Oklahoma City.

Rajesh and his company have made other important contributions in thermal engineering further enhancing their success in the industry. The citizens of New Hampshire have benefitted greatly thanks to the economic and civic contributions of Degree Controls, Inc. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent Rajesh in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID GAGNON

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to David Gagnon of Milford, NH, on being named as the New Hampshire High Technology Council's 2001 Entrepreneur of the Year. As a former small business owner, I applaud the achievements of David and his employees at Degree Controls, Inc.

David, Executive Vice President of Degree Controls, Inc., has achieved high recognition in the field of thermal management controllers for electronics

packaging. He and his company have been recognized in their industry as innovative leaders receiving the Partner in Excellence Gold Trophy for the top supplier to Lucent Technologies in Oklahoma City.

The citizens of New Hampshire have benefitted greatly thanks to the economic and civic contributions of Degree Controls Inc. His astute approach to high technology opportunities is an asset to the business community in our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent him in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR MALCOLM TOON

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to Ambassador Malcolm Toon, an outstanding American diplomat with a long and impressive record of service to our Nation. For Ambassador Toon this year's July Fourth celebration has particular meaning since it also marks his Eighty-fifth Birthday.

In a diplomatic career that spanned more than three decades, he served as U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and Israel and held positions within the State Department as the Director of Soviet Affairs and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs. These assignments provided Ambassador Toon with a degree of expertise and keen insight that would prove invaluable when, in March 1992, he was selected by President Bush to serve as the first U.S. chairman of a newly formed bilateral American-Russian commission tasked with determining the fate of missing service personnel.

Under his six-year stewardship, the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA's overcame many obstacles in pursuit of its humanitarian work on behalf of missing servicemen and their families. Thanks to his leadership and steadfastness, the fates of numerous military personnel have been clarified and a robust archival research program implemented. During his tenure the Joint Commission visited each of the fifteen independent states that comprised the former Soviet Union and urged heads of state and other senior officials to do all within their power to assist in the search for American servicemen still unaccounted for. Similar initiatives were directed at the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. I am personally aware of Ambassador Toon's deep sense of commitment to the POW/MIA issue since, as co-chairman of the Joint Commission's Vietnam War Working Group, I had the privilege of serving with Ambassador Toon.

Prior to embarking on his diplomatic career in 1946, Ambassador Toon served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a PT-Boat skipper, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander and earning the Bronze Star for valor. His academic credentials include a BA degree from Tufts University and grad-

uate studies at Middlebury College and Harvard University.

I ask my colleagues to join with me today in recognizing a distinguished diplomat who has contributed greatly to our nation's commitment to the fullest possible accounting for our missing service personnel.●

TRIBUTE TO MORTON E. GOULDER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Morton E. Goulder of Hollis, NH, on being named as New Hampshire High Technology Council's Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient.

As a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I applaud Morton's exemplary achievements as President of M.E. Goulder, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for our country from 1973 to 1977, and founder of Sanders Associates, a company which specializes in military electronics research and development.

His contributions to the economic environment of New Hampshire are to be applauded. The citizens of our State have benefitted greatly from Morton's selfless dedication to business, education and community affairs in New Hampshire. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. GERLING

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael J. Gerling of Lebanon, NH, on being named as New Hampshire High Technology Council's 2001 Entrepreneur of the Year.

As a former small business owner, I applaud the achievements of Michael and his company, Geographic Data Technology, Inc., in the wireless technology market that have resulted in his company's map databases being used for in-car navigation systems for Lexus and Toyota.

I commend your staff of over 700 employees for their contribution to the success of Geographic Data Technology, Inc. Working in tandem with his employees, he has created a workplace which promotes open communication allowing employees to discuss important issues directly with you.

The citizens of Lebanon and our entire state have benefitted greatly from the economic and civic contributions of your company. Michael's astute approach to high technology opportunities is an asset to the business community in New Hampshire. It is an honor and a privilege to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:19 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: