

School. Her unused prom dress hung in her closet, a reminder of how full of life she had been.

Kristin's friends tried to make sense of what happened.

Determined to make something positive out of this terrible loss, they started a grassroots movement: Students of Missouri Assisting Rural & Urban Transportation, or SMART. Their goal was to "promote and ensure the safety of rural transportation needs in the State of Missouri."

Many of the students who created SMART graduated a few weeks later, but younger students carried on the work. And those who graduated stayed involved as advisors.

The group developed four objectives:

First, to educate the public on the need to improve local transportation;

Second, to grow into other local districts, and then move statewide;

Third, to lobby legislators for funding to improve rural transportation; and

Fourth, to contact candidates for statewide office for their position on transportation, and use this information to educate the public.

SMART has already become a powerful advocacy group in Missouri. Just 2 months after the organization was founded, the nonpartisan group made a presentation at a meeting of the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission. Their members have also addressed the Missouri Governor's Conference on Transportation. Representatives of the group have met personally with Missouri Governor Bob Holden and members of the Missouri General Assembly to encourage additional funding for rural transportation projects.

But their greatest victory to date came in January when the Missouri Department of Transportation announced that it would upgrade more than 10 miles of highway 61 between Canton and LaGrange to a four-lane road.

Although the victory came too late for Kristin, there is no way to know how many lives it will save in the years to come. It would not have happened without the forceful activism of these young people.

I am extremely proud of these young people. Not only because of what they accomplished, but because of what they still intend to accomplish. They are not yet satisfied, and we have not heard the last of them.

The group continues to organize similar groups throughout Missouri. They have come to Washington this week to encourage Members of Congress to support highway safety and to advocate for additional federal resources for transportation infrastructure.

These committed young people can teach us all a lesson about how to get things done. The example they have set is not just valuable for other young people, but also for adults who have grown cynical about the political proc-

ess. These young leaders have shown that you can make a difference—through action and determination. And I intend to work with them to increase the Federal Government's investment in our Nation's highways.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, July 11, 2001, the Federal debt stood at \$5,709,374,137,996.57, five trillion, seven hundred nine billion, three hundred seventy-four million, one hundred thirty-seven thousand, nine hundred ninety-six dollars and fifty-seven cents.

One year ago, July 11, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,665,065,000,000, five trillion, six hundred sixty-five billion, six hundred forty million.

Five years ago, July 11, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,152,640,000,000, five trillion, one hundred fifty-two billion, six hundred forty million.

Ten years ago, July 11, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,536,904,000,000, three trillion, five hundred thirty-six billion, nine hundred four million.

Fifteen years ago, July 11, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$2,068,672,000,000, two trillion, sixty-eight billion, six hundred seventy-two million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$3.5 trillion, \$3,640,702,137,996.57, three trillion, six hundred forty billion, seven hundred two million, one hundred thirty-seven thousand, nine hundred ninety-six dollars and fifty-seven cents during the past 15 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROCHESTER COUNCIL NO. 2048

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2048 of Rochester, NH, on the creation of the successful Future Unlimited Banquet Program. Future Unlimited is an annual event which recognizes the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from eight high schools in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire.

The eight high schools represented in the program include: St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Berwick, ME, Dover High School, Somersworth High School, Farmington High School, Nute High School, Alton High School, Kingswood Regional High School and Spaulding High School.

I commend the Knights of Columbus Rochester Council for their recognition of the scholastic achievements of the high school seniors in the Seacoast region. As a former schoolteacher, I applaud the efforts of the Knights of Columbus for rewarding students who have established goals and high standards of excellence in their academic, extracurricular and civic endeavors.

The Knights of Columbus Rochester Council No. 2048 have served the citizens of Rochester and our state with pride and honor. The young men and women in the Seacoast region are blessed to have the encouragement and support of an organization which recognizes the qualities of hard work, perseverance and dedication. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO LES AND MARILYN GORDON

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Les and Marilyn Gordon, owners of The Candlelite Inn in Bradford, NH, on being named as Inn of the Year by the Complete Guide to Bed & Breakfast Inns and Guesthouses in the United States, Canada and Worldwide.

Built in 1897, The Candlelite Inn has provided a relaxing atmosphere for visiting guests for over 100 years. The Gordons purchased the Inn in 1993, and have successfully continued the tradition of accommodating the needs of discriminating travelers touring the Lake Sunapee Region.

Throughout the year The Candlelite Inn hosts special weeks for their guests to enjoy including: Currier & Ives Maple Sugar Weekend in March, Old Glory Heritage Tours in July, August and September, Foliage Midweek Getaways in September and October, and Murder Mystery Parties throughout the year.

I commend Les and Marilyn for the economic contributions they have made to the hospitality and tourism industries in our state. The citizens of Bradford, and New Hampshire, have benefitted from their dedication to quality and service at The Candlelite Inn. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

FORD MOTOR COMPANY'S LIVING LEGENDS TOUR

• Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ford Motor Company's Living Legend Tour featuring the new 2002 Thunderbird and the Mustang Bullitt GT. These Ford vehicles will drive across Missouri from July 18-20, allowing Missourians to view them. Ford Motor Company and its employees, including the men and women of the United Auto Workers, have been instrumental in keeping Missouri's economy strong and our communities prosperous. More than 8,000 Missourians are employed in Ford assembly plants, credit locations, and dealerships across the state. We are gifted with a strong automotive industry in both the Kansas City and St. Louis areas.

In addition, at each stop along this tour, Ford is raising money for the Missouri Children's Trust Fund, which is a nonprofit organization started by the state legislature in 1983. This organization provides education and training to reduce abusive situations for

children, while creating a friendly environment for them to thrive.

I am very pleased to welcome this automobile tour to Missouri to demonstrate the quality of these vehicles and highlight the hard work and the generosity of Ford's Missouri employees. Thank you to all Ford employees across the State for making me proud to be a Missourian.●

HONORING INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI AS AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY

● Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President. I am proud to take this opportunity to honor a very special place in Missouri. On Saturday, June 23rd, Independence, MO, the hometown of Harry S. Truman, was selected as an All-American City. The All-American City Competition is the Nation's oldest award for civic accomplishment. The winning cities serve as "models of exemplary grass-roots problem solving."

A 51-member delegation of business interests, community leaders, and non-profit organizations came together to lead Independence's participation in the competition. While community partnerships are sprouting up in cities across America, Independence is in a league of its own. Under the leadership of Mayor Ron Stewart, Independence has achieved a real sense of unity and community. So many different entities with widely divergent interests were recognized for their ability to successfully work together when faced with civic challenges.

Independence's winning presentation, appropriately themed "Together We Can," highlighted recent citywide improvements such as cleaning up the historic Truman district, a sales tax approved by the voters to repair streets and parks, and the William Chrisman High School program which involved youth in public service programs. Furthermore, even Independence's physical presence at the competition was a united effort. Community groups worked together to raise funds to pay for the trip and prepare the presentation. This truly exceptional community certainly deserves its prestigious recognition as an All-American City.

Congratulations to Mayor Ron Stewart, participation coordinator Larry Kaufman, the delegation, and the residents of Independence. Your passionate work epitomizes the unlimited possibilities of cooperation. Thank you for making me proud to be a Missourian.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2216) an Act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. REGULA, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. WALSH, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. OBEY, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. DICKS, Mr. SABO, Mr. HOYER, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. OLVER.

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

H.R. 2330. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 303(a) of Public Law 106-286, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio, Ms. PELOSI of California, and Mr. DAVIS of Florida.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1668. To authorize the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor former President John Adams and his legacy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2330. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of the following bill, which was ordered placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2311. An act making appropriations to energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and other purposes.

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-2759. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Office of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2760. A communication from the Director of the National Legislative Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to consolidated financial statements with supplementary information for 1999 and 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2761. A communication from the National Treasurer of the Navy Wives Clubs of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to financial statements for Fiscal Year 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2762. A communication from the Federal Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2763. A communication from the Acting Inspector General of the General Service Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period beginning October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2764. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report on Performance and Accountability for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2765. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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EC-2767. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of the Navy, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2768. A communication from the Assistant Director for the Executive and Political Personnel, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2769. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Materials Plans for Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2770. A communication from the Head of Regulations and Legislation, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Naval Discharge Review Board" (RIN0703-AA64) received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.