

It is in his capacity as a Rotary District Governor that Mr. Stovall brought to my attention a recent "Rotary Peace Program" put on by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Entitled "Population and Development: A Global Perspective for Rotary Service," the event brought together Rotarians from District 9100, which includes Rotary clubs in 15 West African nations, and Rotarians from District 6910, which includes 57 Rotary clubs from throughout North Georgia.

At the Dakar Peace Program, the Rotarians were examining an issue of concern to many Americans—that is, the population growth in a number of countries in the world which are incapable of meeting the agricultural, the environmental, the medical, and the economic challenges that accompany such high rates of growth.

Mr. President, these Rotarians, meeting in Dakar, Senegal, serve as an example of how nonprofit service organizations can take actions which contribute to the public debate and help to further policy objectives. To this end, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD at the conclusion of my remarks the resolution adopted at the Dakar Peace Forum.

I also want to recognize other Georgia Rotarians who participated in the Dakar Peace Forum. They include Buck Lindsay of Lawrenceville, David Roper of Martinez, James Lyle of Augusta, and Dr. Ruby Cheves of Union Point.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

A ROTARY PEACE PROGRAM BY THE ROTARY FOUNDATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Trustees of Rotary International have endorsed a Rotary Peace Program on the topic of World Population and Sustainable Development, held this date in Dakar;

Whereas, in Forum, assembled Rotarians from Districts 6910 and 9100, and other parts of the Rotary World, along with NGOS in the field of population, have discussed in detail the topic of Population and Development;

Whereas, Recognized international and governmental experts on the subject of population and development have presented detailed information on the subject and participated in the deliberations;

Whereas, the Forum considered the conclusions of the International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo, Egypt in 1994, encouraging and promoting respect for all human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all;

Whereas, The participants in the Forum expressed unanimous consensus that World Population is an issue of extreme importance and is an area in which Rotary must accordingly apply its humanitarian attention; now therefore: be it *Resolved*, That recommendation should be and is hereby made to the Board of Directors of Rotary International and to the Trustees of TRF that the following priorities be recognized:

(1) That awareness be promoted at all levels among Rotarians and others on the subject of Population and Development, in forums, including conferences, assemblies, institutions and peace forum;

(2) That the Directors establish a Task Force on Population and Development;

(3) That the Trustees of the TRF, in their humanitarian works, give high priority to projects which promote the role of women in development and which recognize the importance of the environment and population;

(4) That the education of Rotarians and non-Rotarians on the subject of population be carried out through the existing infrastructure of Polioplus, or a variation thereof. Be it further

Resolved, (5) That the Trustees provide appropriation for and begin research and development in support of a 3-H product, to serve as a model, addressing the subject of population and development.

WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE?
THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, as of the close of business yesterday, Thursday, June 15, the Federal debt stood at \$4,893,073,460,637.78. On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$18,574.19 as his or her share of that debt.

WHAT AN AIR FORCE PILOT'S
RESCUE SAYS ABOUT AMERICA

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, America rejoiced last week when the news broke of Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady's rescue from Serb-controlled territory of Bosnia after being missing for 6 days. We were relieved to know that he was safe and sound and we were eager to receive a sliver of good news from a region where day after day for 3 years we have been besieged by reports of the murder of innocents, genocide, and international hooliganism on a scale unseen since the dark days of World War II.

Our elation could not help but grow when this young F-16 pilot stepped before the microphones for the first time after his rescue. His words filled us with pride and reminded us of what makes the men and women of our Armed Forces so special and what is special about America. After 6 days of eating grass, drinking rain water, and hiding from armed Serbs who were trying to kill him, this young man's first words were of his thanks to God, his parents, his comrades-in-arms, and his country. As remarkable as his own actions were in the face of considerable hardship and danger, Scott O'Grady told the world that he was not the hero in this situation—in his view it was the brave men and women who risked their lives for him by conducting a continuous search effort and, when at last he was located, flying into enemy territory to snatch him away and bring him home.

Though he spoke for less than 2 minutes in that first appearance before a cheering crowd at Aviano Air Base and, thanks to instant communications, the entire world, his words should give us all pause and cause us to consider the values he reflects: trust in God, love of family, unwavering confidence in his country, and faith in the abilities of his colleagues in each of the military services. Throughout the past week of

interviews and ceremonies at the White House and Pentagon, Captain O'Grady has continued to talk about his faith in God, country, family, and coworkers.

Are these values unique to Scott O'Grady or to members of the Armed Forces? Clearly, living, working, and, when called upon, fighting and dying together are unique aspects of life in the Armed Forces which build the camaraderie and faith in your fellow workers that are so evident in the military. These values are critically important when one's work requires you to put your life in the hands of others.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I am involved in decisions on defense budgets and policies which remind me every day of the important responsibilities we have for the men and women of our Armed Forces. We must work to ensure that they are properly trained, equipped, and motivated—as Captain O'Grady and the members of the rescue forces clearly were—if they are going to be able to continue their vital work of ensuring our national security. Too often in recent times, the dedicated men and women of our military have been tarred with a brush of scandal because of the proper acts of just a few. These acts are cause for concern and should be taken seriously as the Senate always has. But at the end of the day, I believe that what we see in Captain O'Grady and those brave servicemen and women who rescued him is the best representation of what our Armed Forces are and what they stand for.

But the values we have seen reflected in the words and deeds of Scott O'Grady are, in fact, the values which Americans have prized throughout our history. They are what has made America great. They are the values which most of us learned from our parents in homes across America. Scott's mother and father should be proud of the way they taught these values to their son.

The daily barrage of headlines of violence in the homes and streets of America, stories of broken homes, and indications of racial and religious bigotry could lead one to conclude that there is a cancer growing on America's spirit. I do not believe it and I doubt that most Americans believe it.

Americans are as they have always been—people of faith, courage, patriotism, and hard work. Perhaps it is time to remind ourselves of what is good about us and to allow our values to come to the surface again where they can help pull us above our fears and insecurities.

America owes young Scott O'Grady a debt of gratitude—for the professional manner in which he performed his duties as an officer in the U.S. Air Force and for the reminder that he has given us of what it takes to survive in these troubled times. America should rejoice with his return—and reflect upon what it says about us as a nation.