

mainland in the last ten years have amounted to more than \$25 billion. Our investments have enabled the mainland to build foreign exchange reserves and created jobs. Influx of our capital has improved living standards and relieved poverty and backwardness among the mainland Chinese population.

5. Beijing should accept us as an equal partner. We seek to have better relations with the mainland. We do not want to see Chinese fighting Chinese, not in Taiwan Strait, nor on international arena, but rather Chinese helping Chinese. Our compatriots on the mainland and we share a common ethnic bond.

6. In Taiwan there is no support for a reckless or precipitate reunification with the mainland at the moment, certainly not under the terms or formula set forth by the PRC, such as the so-called "One State, Two Systems" Formula, which definitely is inapplicable and unacceptable to ROC on Taiwan.

7. We will continue our "pragmatic diplomacy" which means that we will seek friends and allies everywhere and want the world to know that we exist. We will seek to expand our trade and cultural offices in over 150 countries and regions, in addition to the 30 nations that have formal ties with us. We will also seek to join international organizations, including the UN, and her peripheral organizations, because we have so much to contribute to the world.

8. Our ultimate goal is for the world to recognize us as a full member of the international community. We are well aware how important and difficult the process of reintegration into the international community will be for Taiwan. However, we have the resources and commitment that will allow us to make our positive contribution to peace, prosperity and good will in the world.

9. We will take full responsibility for our own destiny, but we believe that as an economically prosperous and democratically free nation seeking its proper place in the world, we can expect the nations of the world, particularly the European nations to assist us in this task.

10. We are prepared, too, to shoulder our share of responsibility for helping and assisting other nations, including mainland China, not in the spirit of paternalism or dominance but mutual cooperation and respect.

Looking forward towards the 21st century, I foresee a vibrant Republic of China actively promoting economic and trade cooperation with all regions around the world, but with emphasis on two areas—members of the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) and the mainland China. This type of economic and trade cooperation will strengthen the regional economic infrastructure and will stimulate the flow of resources throughout the region, leading to further economic growth as we seek to become an Asia-Pacific regional operation center by the year 2000.

While pursuing economic growth and strength, the perfection of our democratic system remains to be our most cherished and most urged goal in our national policy. We firmly believe that no country could ever become a truly great country until it becomes fully democratic.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, with your understanding, sympathy and genuine support, as a democratic and sovereign state, in the midst of challenges, unfair, unequal treatments and tests of all kind, we, the Republic of China on Taiwan, shall rise up again.

I thank you all so much.

INTRODUCTION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE SAFE KIDS BUCKLE UP CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 1997*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce a resolution, along with Congressman STENY HOYER, that will allow the National SAFE KIDS campaign to use a small portion of the Capitol Hill grounds to conduct a car seat safety check. This initiative, called SAFE KIDS BUCKLE UP, is a joint initiative between the National SAFE KIDS campaign and General Motors Corp. to educate families about the importance of buckling up on every ride. Child passenger safety is on the minds of citizens nationwide. This program will provide parents and caregivers with essential information about properly securing children in an automobile.

This is not an insignificant issue, Mr. Speaker. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death to children ages 14 and under, yet 40 percent of children are still riding unrestrained. More disturbing is the fact that, of children who are buckled up, 8 out of 10 are restrained incorrectly. Each year more than 1,400 children die as motor vehicle passengers, and an additional 280,000 are injured. Tragically, most of these injuries could have been prevented. Car seats are proven life savers, reducing the risk of death by 69 percent for infants and 47 percent for toddlers.

It will take a nationwide effort to combat this problem. SAFE KIDS BUCKLE UP is a grassroots effort that will disseminate key safety messages through more than 200 SAFE KIDS Coalition, health and education outlets like hospitals and Community Health Centers, and GM dealerships in all 50 States. In addition, educational workshops and car seat check up events will be available at participating GM dealerships.

The program launch, highlighted by a car seat check up for local Federal employees, congressional members and staff, and others from the Metropolitan area, is set for Thursday, August 28, at the foot of the U.S. Capitol to kick off Labor Day Weekend, one of the busiest travel weekends of the year. I am honored to say that I am supporting this event and the overall program along with Congressman HOYER. We urge everyone to support this concurrent resolution allowing this event to take place. Protecting our children is a national issue that deserve national attention.

THE SPIRIT OF MARGE AHRENS

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 1997*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, finding individuals who are truly dedicated to their life's occupation is a special experience. People who believe in their work enhance the quality of everything they do, and set a powerful example to others of how concentration can make the

ordinary into something stellar. Next week, the friends and family of Marge Ahrens will be celebrating her work with a retirement party that they have dedicated as the Spirit of Marge Ahrens.

The child of Lucille and Claire Johnson, she came from Harbor Beach, MI, to Bay City, with her husband Fred in August 1967, she became director of library and media services for elementary schools in Bangor Township. She continued her education, earning her master of arts in library science and media specialist. Her contributions over 30 years in education are truly impressive.

She has been involved with several school districts: Bangor Township Schools, Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District, and Essexville-Hampton Public Schools. She has served as a teacher, a career education consultant, a member of the State Planning Committee for State and Federal Grants, and a key component of several music, drama, and art programs. She assisted with summer enrichment programs at Bangor Township and in Caseville. She was very involved with the Bay Arts Council and the Bay Music Foundation, as well as the Essexville Baptist Community Church. She has also been heralded for her work on a MIA-POW Program which, in part, honored the memory of Col. Bruce G. Johnson, Sr., of Harbor Beach, MI.

Marge is also a great supporter of her sons, Andy and Kevin, and has provided them with skilled and loving encouragement from their time as young children to their time as young adults. She successfully blended the roles of mother, teacher, facilitator, and motivator into a combination that is truly deserving of praise.

Mr. Speaker, her friends and family who have worked to put together this event in her honor said in a most special way when in their program for the surprise celebration of a chapter in the life of Marjory Clare Ahrens they wrote: "Some people talk about service, some people live service. Further some watch things happen, some let things happen and others make things happen." They honor her for having made things happen. Today I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in thanking Marge Ahrens for years of accomplishment, and in wishing her the very best for all years to come.

STATEMENT BY MARK GEORGE AND MARY NEWMAN, HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL, HANOVER, NH, REGARDING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

**HON. BERNARD SANDERS**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 1997*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my colleagues I would like to have printed in the RECORD this statement by high school students from Hanover High School in Hanover, NH, who were speaking at my recent town meeting on issues facing young people.

Mr. GEORGE. By supporting affirmative action it is being demonstrated that content of character is less important than the color of skin. Students are being accepted not because they have the qualifications, but because they are Asian, African or Spanish. They are being put into an environment that they are not necessarily ready for. It is like putting a team of basketball players on the