

and unselfish nature of radio. Radio broadcasts serve a variety of purposes. Radio communicates with listeners during time of emergency, informs them of noteworthy community events such as fundraising drives, educates them about developing stories and current events, entertains during long drives across our states, and serves as a calming influence during the most trying times in our lives. Finally, radio plays a key role in preserving our vibrant democracy by encouraging their audiences to vote, and running special segments about candidates and their platforms.

The public affairs activities of Minnesota's radio stations have been underscored by a recent Minnesota Broadcasters Association survey of radio executives in which 50 percent of radio stations responded. First, 95 percent of radio stations have helped charities, charitable causes or needy individuals through fundraising and other types of support. Second, radio stations run a median of 100 public service announcements each week, highlighting issues such as flood and disaster relief efforts, AIDS awareness, safety campaigns, drunk driving, and drug and crime education programs. Finally, 71 percent of radio stations aired a local political affairs program or segment dealing with the 1996 elections.

Mr. President, there are 242 radio stations in Minnesota. Each of these stations has made unique and vital contributions toward serving their communities and interacting with listeners. I am proud to say that in some instances, these efforts have been recognized by the Minnesota Broadcasters Association through their "Media Best Awards" and by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) annual "Crystal Radio Awards."

The "Crystal Radio Awards" have been issued by NAB since 1987 to shine the national spotlight on those radio stations that have demonstrated a year-round commitment to providing responsive, individual service to the cities, counties and towns they serve. I am pleased to note that since 1989, Minnesota radio stations have received this great honor on eleven different occasions. These stations are WJON-AM in St. Cloud, KBHP-FM in Bedmidji (twice), KSJN-FM in St. Paul, WWTC-AM, WCCO-AM, KQRS-FM/AM in Minneapolis (twice), KCUE-AM in Red Wing, KWOA-AM in Worthington, and WLTE-FM in Minneapolis.

The Minnesota Broadcasters Association recently recognized public service announcements broadcast by KAUS and KDWB, the "Flood of '97" community service program by KDMA/KMGM, and MNN Radio Networks hard news coverage during this past years' floods which disrupted the lives of hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans. And for those fans who have agonized over a potential departure of our beloved Twins, WMNN provided an important venue for people to voice their opinions through the station's "Twins Stadium Open Forum."

Additional past noteworthy accomplishments include efforts by WJON-AM and its two sister stations in St. Cloud to raise money to buy bullet-proof vests for the police departments. Its goal was \$50,000, but ultimately raised \$75,000. And stations 92 KQRS-FM and 93.7 KEGE-FM in Minneapolis have worked with Minnesota Job Services to set up a free interactive telephone hotline to connect employers with qualified applicants. Amazingly, this service registers 10,000 calls each month. Last year, Minnesota radio and television stations raised \$1.6 million for flood relief efforts and produced a video titled "Beyond the Flood" donating the profits to flood victims.

Through disaster relief efforts, holiday safety initiatives, fund-raising drives, school announcements, and weather emergencies, Minnesota radio broadcasters have demonstrated their commitment and dedication to public service. I am proud of the leadership shown by each of these stations, and am pleased to have shared their accomplishments with the Senate.●

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I want to take this opportunity today to recognize an extraordinary group of young athletes from my alma mater, the University of South Dakota. The University of South Dakota Men's Cross Country Team recently won the 1997 NCAA Division II Men's Cross Country Championship held on Saturday, November 22, 1997 in Kenosha, Wisconsin. This victory was accomplished against a talented nation-wide field of competition and was the second national athletic championship ever won by USD athletes.

All the time, effort, and dedication these talented student athletes put into this winning season reaped great rewards for the team and USD. This honor is a result of a great team effort along with individual commitment, talent, and perseverance.

I would also like to commend head coach Scott Munsen for providing outstanding leadership to the USD men's cross country team during the last four years.

The State of South Dakota has much to be proud of. I want to again congratulate all of our fine young athletes and the University of South Dakota on this great accomplishment.●

TRIBUTE TO PAUL HOLLOWAY ON BECOMING PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Paul Holloway, a distinguished individual and good friend, on being selected to become the President of the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA). As a friend of Paul's for

over a decade, I commend his outstanding achievement and compliment him on this well-deserved honor.

Paul will be the first New Hampshire automobile dealer to serve as President of NADA. This is a great honor not only for Paul, but for the Granite State. It is Paul's strong work ethic and Yankee ingenuity that have catapulted he and his wife, Anna Grace, from the first Buick-Pontiac dealership they bought in 1967 to the five dealerships they have today.

Paul's strong drive and spirit was exhibited forty years ago when Paul passed up a career in professional football to finish his bachelor of science degree in business at Temple University in Philadelphia. Paul was drafted as a linebacker by several teams, but instead decided to pursue his career in the automobile industry. New Hampshire is fortunate that he made the choice he did.

I am certain Anna Grace, along with their children Scott and Debra, are as proud of Paul's achievements as are his friends and colleagues in New Hampshire. Paul's commitment and dedication to excellence will benefit the members of NADA as much as it has the people of New England. Paul Holloway will be a vibrant and effective leader for NADA.

Congratulations, Paul, on this outstanding recognition by your colleagues in the industry. I know you will meet this new challenge with honor and distinction. I am proud to represent you in the U.S. Senate and proud to call you a friend.●

Y2K, THE FAA, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE UNITED STATES

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, today's New York Times has confirmed what many on the forefront of fixing the Year 2000 Computer Problem have already learned. Namely, that the problem is not just a programming glitch within software (programs run on the computer), but a larger crisis of identifying and renovating hardware (the computer itself).

As the Times story relates: "The problem was first thought to be a programming glitch. But as the F.A.A. is demonstrating, the line between hardware and software is not so clear, because of computer instructions, called micro-code, that are built in and are more basic than the programs the computer runs. In some instances, the answer may be the wholesale replacement of computers that might otherwise have run for years. Early indications are that many airlines will also throw out numerous computers."

Like many private sector businesses, the FAA is finding that it may have to replace the interrelated computer systems themselves—in this case, systems that provide for the safety of air flight in America. While some programmers at the FAA believe the systems can be debugged without replacing them, the company which built the hardware,