

when he said that the wealth of the country is in its people. He said, "We have to have a highly educated population if we are going to compete in the next century."

Milt continues to support improvements in our educational system, but has never neglected his own continuing education. In 1993, Milt earned a Ph.D. in economics from Case Western.

He continues to serve the community as a member of the Board of Trustees of Case Western Reserve University, and on the boards of the Cleveland Clinic, Mount Sinai Health Care System and the Cleveland Orchestra.

Last November Ambassador Wolf received the Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Art—First Class bestowed by the Ambassador of the Republic of Austria in New York. Last December the Ohio State University granted Ambassador Wolf an honorary Doctor of Diplomacy degree.

In its resolution of recognition of Ambassador Wolf's receipt of the Austrian Cross of Honor, the Ohio Senate stated

At a time when the international landscape is dominated by images of conflict and antagonism, and in an era when hostility both within and between countries could spell disaster for the whole planet, every attempt to forge closer ties among citizens of diverse backgrounds and beliefs is of urgent significance. In this context, you have shown how very much a diligent, conscientious person can accomplish, and you can be proud that your commitment to promote global harmony through language, learning, and letters has inspired many who know you to dedicate themselves similarly.

Milt Wolfe has set an example for us all in his efforts for all people. He is a builder, an educator and a humanitarian. Milt is a successful businessman who made time for helping others. I am proud of his friendship. My wife Annie joins me in congratulating him on this much deserved recognition.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BOB RAWLINGS

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the journalistic profession in the state of Colorado.

Bob Rawlings, publisher and editor of the Pueblo Chieftain and Sunday Chieftain and Star-Journal, has worked at the same newspaper for more than 51 years. During his tenure at the newspaper he has worked as a reporter, advertising salesman, General Manager, and since 1980 has served as Publisher and Editor. In 1984 he was selected to be president of the Star-Journal Publishing Corporation, which owns and operates both newspapers.

In 1985-86, Bob Rawlings served as President of the Colorado Press Association. He also has served as a member and past-chairman of the Colorado Bar-Press Committee, and is a past president of the Rocky Mountain Ad Manager's Association.

He was voted "Colorado Newspaper Person of the Year" in 1989, and was se-

lected "Citizen of the Year" in 1993 by the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce. In 1994, Bob Rawlings was honored as "Colorado Business Leader of the Year," and at this year's Colorado Press Association's Annual Convention in February, Bob was presented with the "Gold Rule Makeup Award," which is the highest honor a member of the press can achieve in Colorado.

For more than a half-century, Bob Rawlings has served his community, state and nation. He represents the best and the brightest of his profession, and the citizens of Pueblo and the state of Colorado are honored to call him one of their own. It is individuals like Bob Rawlings who make America great. It is my pleasure to honor him and thank him for all he has done, and all that he will continue to do for Pueblo and Colorado.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THE 1998 U.S. WOMEN'S OLYMPIC ICE HOCKEY TEAM

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise to commend the United States Women's Ice Hockey Team for its outstanding gold medal achievement during the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. A proud America witnessed the outstanding teamwork and determination exhibited by the team in going undefeated and winning the gold medal in the inaugural women's Olympic ice hockey competition. New Hampshire is especially proud of three young women from our state who contributed to the success of the U.S. team: Tara Mounsey of Concord, Katie King of Salem, and Tricia Dunn of Derry.

Just nine years ago, the U.S. women's ice hockey program did not even exist. Now, U.S. women's ice hockey is the best in the world, and the team's youngest player, Angela Ruggiero, is off to college with an Olympic gold medal and some memories to cherish for a lifetime.

Leading up to Olympic competition, everyone knew Canada was the favorite, having a slight edge in winning seven of thirteen previous meetings between the U.S. and Canada. As the record shows, however, the United States was not far behind and was underrated by the international competition.

A thrilling comeback in the first game of the round robin grabbed the nation's attention and showed that this team could overcome adversity and win against a powerful team from Canada, by scoring six goals in the last ten minutes to prevail 7-4.

The team just didn't quit although they were down 4-1 with only ten minutes to play. Much like forward Katie King who refused to quit after she was rejected from the U.S. national team during sophomore year in college three years ago and much like defensive player Tara Mounsey, who refused to hang up her skates after she sprained her knee just two weeks before the Olympics. This team persevered and

worked hard until it was successful. These young women represent America's commitment to hard work and self-sacrifice, and they inspired us with their performance both on and off the ice.

After coming back to defeat Canada, the U.S. team's confidence swelled and they swept away the opposition, beating Japan twice, China 5-0, Sweden 7-1, Finland 4-2, and Canada 3-1 in the gold medal game.

Team star Tara Mounsey has just celebrated her 20th birthday and her New Hampshire teammates Katie King and Tricia Dunn have all joined in the festivities surrounding their Olympic victory, including a celebration at the Statehouse in Concord.

As a United States Senator from New Hampshire, I wanted to pay tribute to the U.S. Women's Ice Hockey Team and give special mention to three ladies from New Hampshire who made us so proud of them at the Olympics.

I congratulate all of the members of the 1998 United States Women's Olympic Ice Hockey Team: Goaltenders Sara DeCosta and Sarah Tueting; Defensive players: Tara Mounsey, Angela Ruggiero, Colleen Coyne, Sue Merz, Vicki Movessian, and Chris Bailey; Forwards Lisa Brown-Miller, Karen Bye, Laurie Baker, Sandra Whyte, A.J. Mleczo, Jenny Schmidgall, Shelley Looney, Alana Blahoski, Katie King, Team Captain Cammi Granato, Gretchen Ulion, and Tricia Dunn; Head Coach Ben Smith, Assistant Coach Tom Mutch and Team Leader Amie Hilles. Ladies and coaches, we salute you and wish you well in your future endeavors.●

#### HUMAN RIGHTS IN TURKEY

● Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, on February 23, 1998 in Ankara, Turkey, a penal court handed down an important decision regarding human rights. Eleven board members of Turkey's largest independent human rights group, the Human Rights Association, were acquitted of charges of disseminating separatist propaganda and inciting racist and ethnic enmity at a December 1996 meeting. A request by prosecutors to close the organization was also rejected.

Turkish Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz has pledged to make progress in protecting human rights, and the February 23rd decision is a commendable step forward by the Turkish Government in that process. Hopefully, the decision will encourage human rights advocates to pursue reforms in Turkey and protect them from similar persecution in the future. An active civil society in which people can organize and express their opinions without fear of prosecution and official harassment is essential to the fulfillment of Prime Minister Yilmaz's goal.

Unfortunately, this step forward was recently marred by a step back. On