

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. Mleczko, 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

March 12, 1998, a Turkish court acquitted ten policemen who were accused of beating and sexually abusing a group of teenagers. According to an article in the "Washington Post", the teenagers were arrested in December 1995 on charges of scrawling leftist graffiti and of belonging to a radical leftist armed group, a charge for which they were later acquitted. Over the course of the eleven days in which they were detained by police, the teenagers were allegedly blindfolded, stripped, molested, raped with police batons, and subjected to electric shocks to the genitals.

According to the State Department's 1997 Country Report on Human Rights Practices, a judge in the case not only allowed the policemen to remain on active duty during the trial, he also relieved them of their obligation to personally appear in the courtroom. While these ten policemen walk freely, the teenagers will struggle with the physical and emotional consequences of their ordeal for years to come.

Turkish officials have made some attempts to reduce abuses perpetrated by security officials against detainees. However, despite a constitutional ban on torture, improvements in government cooperation with foreign human rights inspection teams and new police training programs, torture remains common. According to the State Department, the climate of impunity fostered by the rarity of convictions of police or other security officials for killings and torture, "remains the single largest obstacle to reducing human rights abuses."

Mr. President, I welcome Prime Minister Yilmaz's pledge to make progress on implementing human rights reforms. I applaud the recent decision to acquit the members of the Human Rights Association. However, as the brutal incident involving the teenagers illustrates, there is a great deal more to be done. Turkish officials must take an active, visible, and sustained role in addressing all facets of human rights—from promoting civil and political liberties to upholding the rule of law. Lasting reforms will not be realized in Turkey until Prime Minister Yilmaz's pledge is backed by consistent efforts to bring human rights violators to justice.●

MASTER CHIEF ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (SURFACE WARFARE QUALIFIED) JOHN HAGAN, MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY

● Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, on March 27, 1998, Master Chief John Hagan passes on the duties of Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy after more than five years in this prestigious position. When Master Chief Hagan steps aside and hands responsibilities to Master Chief James L. Herdt, he ends the longest tenure of any Senior Enlisted Advisor to serve our great Navy.

Through his tenure in office, Master Chief Hagan has traveled the globe lis-

tening to and answering the needs of Sailors. His extensive travels have included stops on every continent—from the northern reaches of Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, to the ice capped McMurdo Station, Antarctica. He has shared Christmas day with Sailors deployed onboard ships in the Arabian Gulf and July 4th visiting Sailors at Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy. In every way, on every day, he has dedicated his life to serving Sailors, not only during his service as Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, but throughout more than 32 years of service since his initial enlistment in Asheville, North Carolina.

Master Chief Hagan worked very hard to gain the support of Congress on a variety of issues on behalf of Sailors. Every Sailor serving today and every Sailor who serves in the future owes a debt of gratitude for the service of John Hagan. Master Chief Hagan garnered support for volunteer education issues making it possible for those serving at sea to complete college courses. His work ensured Sailors housing allowances better meets their actual needs to ensure safe, affordable housing. Master Chief Hagan worked closely with Congress to facilitate the revitalization of family housing and bachelor quarters throughout the Navy, and his work facilitated a greater understanding in Congress of the full spectrum of issues unique to Sailors.

Master Chief Hagan participated in virtually every decision impacting the lives of enlisted Sailors over the last five and one-half years. He helped strengthen the core of Navy's Recruit Training at Naval Training Center Great Lakes, participated in the establishment of leadership training through the Navy's Leadership Continuum, building the quality of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy, improving the Navy Physical Fitness program, increasing the number of females serving onboard surface warships and so many more.

Master Chief Hagan faced many challenges head on during his tenure. Not the least of which were concerns over the Navy's traditional Chief Petty Officer Initiation. Master Chief Hagan met this challenge head on by guiding this event away from any reasonable criticism into a season of events the Navy can point to with great pride. Today, CPO Initiation Season begins the day the list of those selected for promotion is announced and ends eight weeks later with the formal advancement ceremony. This season includes a series of team building exercises, social events, physical fitness training and efforts to link with Naval heritage. Master Chief Hagan will long be remembered within the Navy for producing the Naval Heritage/Core Values Reading Guide. This part of CPO Initiation Season requires the Navy's newly selected Chief Petty Officers to read a book of non-fiction, Naval heritage to facilitate a discussion of the Navy's Core Values of Honor, Courage and

Commitment. This encourages Sailors to link with their heritage and better understand the qualities required of Sailors.

Master Chief Hagan stepped forward in May 1996 to speak on behalf of all Sailors at the Memorial Service for Admiral Mike Boorda, Chief of Naval Operations. Hagan said of Admiral Boorda, "He was the leader we longed for and looked to; he came from among us and rose so high, always remembering the lonely, insecure, frightened recruit, which all of us are in the beginning, before we discover that the Navy is a family." Those words were true of Mike Boorda and they are true of John Hagan.

In March 1997 he spoke to the assembled brigade of midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy where he told the Navy's leaders of the next century "The very honor of our Navy and our nation has been repeatedly upheld by Sailors throughout our history." Master Chief Hagan has not only upheld the very honor of our Navy and our nation, he has raised the stake to new heights.

Today's Navy is the greatest Navy the world has ever known and this can be said in clear conscious because of the service of Master Chief John Hagan. ●

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-119, appoints A. Mark Neuman, of Illinois, to serve as a member of the Census Monitoring Board, vice Max W. Williams, of Mississippi.

PRINTING OF SENATE DOCUMENTS

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following Senate Documents be reprinted in the usual number: Senate document 99-33, Senate document 98-29, and Senate document 97-20.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 324, S. Res. 171.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 171) designating March 25, 1998, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BIDEN. Madam President, today, we commemorate the great moment