

second decisions—placing themselves in harm's way to save the lives of others. This year's honorees exemplify this selflessness, and richly deserve recognition.

The first AAA Lifesaving Medal recipient comes from Kensington, Maryland.

On October 1, 1997, Rock View Elementary School Safety Patrol Joseph Coggeshall was preparing to end his shift at the busy intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Denfeld Road.

Getting ready to go home himself, Joseph noticed one last group of children heading home. He decided to stay at his post a little longer. As they reached the intersection, two boys, ages 6 and 7, attempted to go around Joseph's outstretched arms and into traffic. Reacting quickly, Joseph grabbed both children, pulling them back onto the curb just before they would have entered into rush-hour traffic on a six-lane highway. Joseph probably saved those boys' lives.

This year's second AAA Lifesaving Medal honoree comes from San Mateo, California.

On January 5, 1998, St. Timothy School Safety Patrol Christopher Aquino stood his usual post at the north gate crosswalk.

Close by, a father led his two young daughters, ages 3 and 6, toward the crosswalk. Spotting the family car parked across the street, the 3-year-old broke free from her father's hand, sprinted into the road and into the path of an oncoming truck. On instinct, and with no regard for his own safety, Christopher ran after her, grabbed her by the hand and returned her safely to her father.

Mr. President, on behalf of the Senate, I wish to extend congratulations and thanks to these two young men. They are an asset to their communities, and their families, and neighbors should be very proud of their courage and dedication.

I would also like to recognize the American Automobile Association for providing the supplies and training necessary to keep the safety patrol on duty nationwide.

Since the 1920's, AAA clubs across the country have been sponsoring student safety patrols to guide and protect younger classmates against traffic accidents. Easily recognizable by their fluorescent orange safety belt and shoulder strap, safety patrol members represent the very best of their schools and communities. Experts credit school safety patrol programs with helping to lower the number of traffic accidents and fatalities involving young children.

We owe AAA our gratitude for their tireless efforts to ensure that our Nation's children arrive to and from school safe and sound.

And we owe our thanks to Joseph Coggeshall and Christopher Aquino for their selfless actions. The discipline and courage they displayed deserves the praise and recognition of their schools and their communities.

TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY SCHUBERT, A GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by Girl Scouts of the Black Hills Council in Rapid City, SD. Kimberly Schubert of Rapid City was honored yesterday for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting.

The Girl Scout Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. The award can be earned by girls ages 14-17, or in grades 9-12.

Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization serving over 3 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn 4 interest projects patches, the Career Exploration pin, the Senior Girl Scout leadership award, and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, as well as design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

As a member of the Girl Scouts of the Black Hills Council, Kim Schubert began working toward the Gold Scout Award in 1996. She completed her project in the areas of sports and leadership, and she richly deserves the public recognition for this significant service to her community and her country.

HONORING THE FLOYDS ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, families are the cornerstone of America. The data are undeniable: Individuals from strong families contribute to the society. In an era when nearly half of all couples married today will see their union dissolve into divorce, I believe it is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of "till death us do part" seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Margaret and Tom Floyd of Charleston, Illinois, who on June 12, 1998, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone. The Floyds' commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

MR. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, May 15, 1998, the federal debt stood at

\$5,496,348,505,044.25 (Five trillion, four hundred ninety-six billion, three hundred forty-eight million, five hundred five thousand, forty-four dollars and twenty-five cents).

One year ago, May 15, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,344,063,000,000 (Five trillion, three hundred forty-four billion, sixty-three million).

Twenty-five years ago, May 15, 1973, the federal debt stood at \$452,610,000,000 (Four hundred fifty-two billion, six hundred ten million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,043,738,505,044.25 (Five trillion, forty-three billion, seven hundred thirty-eight million, five hundred five thousand, forty-four dollars and twenty-five cents) during the past 25 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a treaty and one nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT CONCERNING THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BURMA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 127

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the emergency declared with respect to Burma is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 1998.

As long as the Government of Burma continues its policies of committing large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in Burma, this situation continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force these emergency authorities beyond May 20, 1998.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 1998.