

fiscal mismanagement, and we cannot afford to defer tough choices to future leaders.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT AND THE FCC

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I am proud to be an original cosponsor of S. J. Res. 17, the resolution of disapproval introduced yesterday by Senator DORGAN and a bipartisan group of Senators who are very concerned about the media ownership rules issued recently by the Federal Communications Commission. When the FCC issued those rules, it ignored the public. It ignored hundreds of thousands of public comments, and it ignored the calls of elected representatives for more careful consideration of these issues that are crucial to the future of information and entertainment in our country.

Over the past several weeks, many Senators have been doing what the FCC failed to do: listening to the American people. What we have heard is not applause for the new rules but great disappointment, and even anger. The American people are outraged by these new media ownership rules. They do not want new media ownership rules that legitimize eliminating local community voices in exchange for homogenization and uniformity. They do not want fewer and fewer choices, and less and less local control.

Those of us who support this disapproval resolution under the Congressional Review Act want to right the wrong done by the FCC. We believe that the people, not powerful media conglomerates, ultimately own the airwaves. The will of the people must be reflected in the rules that govern media ownership in this country. The strong public support for this resolution is demonstrated by the fact that there are already 35 Senators, from both sides of the aisle, who have signed a petition to bring this matter to the floor, as the CRA contemplates. It is now clear that we will have a vote on this matter in the Senate in the next few months. That is good news for the public.

The FCC's rules threaten to undermine the diversity of voices in the television and newspaper industries, just as diversity in the radio industry has been diminished. In a marketplace limited by only these new rules, our major media outlets will begin to look and act like radio, with absentee owners, standardized programming, and less local news and community involvement.

Thanks to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which loosened the ownership rules for radio, we have seen the future of media consolidation, and we know that it offers a lot more to big media companies than it does to consumers. In some cases, it can be downright dangerous. The five giant media conglomerates that already dominate the airwaves will expand their reach and further stifle localism and diversity.

By invoking the Congressional Review Act, Congress can wipe out these new rules altogether, and the FCC will have to go back and redraft them. We plan to make it clear that the new draft should include some of the positive proposals contained in the recent media bill sponsored by Senator Ted Stevens that passed out of the Commerce Committee. The CRA specifically contemplated that agencies may have to redo regulations required by court or congressional mandate. If this disapproval resolution is passed by the House and the Senate, the preexisting rules will again be in effect until the FCC goes back to the drawing board and promulgates new regulations that are not substantially similar to the rules that Congress has disapproved.

In promulgating these new rules, the FCC ignored its primary responsibility—to serve the public interest. But fortunately, the FCC doesn't have the final word here. The people do. It is our duty in the Congress to listen to the people and give voice to their concerns. By passing the resolution of disapproval, we will do just that. I want to thank the Senator from North Dakota, Mr. DORGAN, for his leadership and the other Senators from both sides of the aisle who are working on this. This is an important effort and I believe we will be successful in taking this action on behalf of the public interest.

PESTICIDE HARMONIZATION

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to express my support of S. 1406, which is pesticide harmonization legislation. I join my colleague, Senator DORGAN, as an original cosponsor of this legislation. I would like to commend Senator DORGAN and his staff, the Montana Grain Growers, the National Association of Wheat Growers, and our Montana Department of Agriculture for their willingness to work out the gritty details of this bill. It has been a long and laborious negotiation process, but I believe we have come up with legislation that is better for the farmers of this country.

In my home State of Montana and many other Western and Midwestern States, we have faced a number of trade disputes between Canada and the United States. One of the most glaring discrepancies deals with pesticides. Chemicals that are sold for one price just across the border in Canada are sold at a considerably higher cost to American producers. Why does this happen you may ask? The EPA places strong regulations on chemicals used in the United States and therefore, the chemical companies believe they should hike up the prices to pay for their trouble.

The chemicals sold in Canada and the United States, in most cases, have the exact same chemical makeup. The same company manufactures them but often gives them a different name and nearly always prices the American

chemicals higher. The crops harvested at a lower production cost in Canada are now competing with American products. I am a strong believer in fair trade, but for free trade to actually occur, this problem must be addressed.

Currently, American farmers are facing a serious economic recession. Grain prices are the lowest they have been in a number of years and there does not appear to be a light at the end of the tunnel. Additionally, much of the West is looking at yet another year of drought. Also, fertilizer costs are skyrocketing with the ever-rising cost of natural gas. To top it all off, they are also being forced to pay twice as much for nearly the same chemicals as their foreign neighbors.

This bill would eliminate current obstacles and even the playing field for our farmers. The bill operates under a similar concept as the previous bills introduced, but many of the details have changed. The pesticide harmonization bill that is currently introduced, S. 332, had the States, not EPA, in charge of pesticide registrations. This new version has EPA in charge of the process. This eliminated some of the concerns of States, whose budgets would not allow these much-needed registrations to be completed. It also protects confidentiality of ingredients in the chemicals.

Our farmers and ranchers have been paying too much for their pesticides and chemicals for too long. From my years as a football referee, I learned everyone needs to follow the same rules to play the game. We need to make sure Canadian farmers and U.S. farmers are playing under the same rules. I believe this bill makes that happen. I look forward to working with my colleagues on this crucial issue to America's farmers and ranchers.

THANKING THE NATIONAL MARINE ENGINEERS' BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my letter addressed to Mr. Ron Davis of the National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, July 16, 2003.

Mr. RON DAVIS, President
National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. DAVIS: I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association. Under your outstanding leadership, the National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association strengthened the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps combat power, and ensured our military's buildup in Southwest Asia.

The MEBA swiftly activated more than 40 vessels of the Ready Reserve Force. Our nation's military, and thus our national security, is dependent upon the quick response of each MEBA member. Your members more than met the challenge and exceeded all expectations.

Our nation depends on the courage and dedication of the MEBA to help ready our troops in times of crisis. I salute the heroic contributions of the National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association and applaud every mariner for contributing to the support of our Nation's military.

Sincerely,

RICK SANTORUM,
U.S. Senator.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING GILES H. MILLER, JR.

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am very pleased today to recognize Mr. Giles H. Miller, Jr. of Culpeper, VA. Throughout his celebrated 100 years, he has been a model of altruistic service to his community, the Commonwealth of Virginia and America.

A Virginia native, Mr. Miller was born in Lynchburg on July 26, 1903. He attended college at the Virginia Military Institute from August 1920 to June 1924, and while enrolled, Mr. Miller was awarded some of the highest accolades the school has for students. As an alumnus, he has served VMI tirelessly in roles including President of its Board of Visitors, founder of the Miller Basketball Scholarship Program, and Chairman of the VMI Flying Squadron, just to name a few. His service has won him the school's Spirit Award, Distinguished Service Award, as well as the position of Senior Living Alumnus and the distinction of "Mr. VMI."

Mr. Miller's record of exemplary service extends also to the community of Culpeper, VA, where he has been a resident for more than 70 years and has deservedly earned the distinguished title of "Mr. Culpeper." Over those years, he has been a member of the Culpeper Town Council, Vice Mayor of Culpeper, founder and President of the Culpeper Host Lion's Club, Chairman of the Board of Culpeper Memorial Hospital and President of Culpeper National Bank. In recognition of his work, he has been honored as Outstanding Citizen of the Year in Culpeper, as well as with the Culpeper Colonel Award from the Board of Supervisors and the Good Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America. In addition to his work in Culpeper, Mr. Miller has worked in significant positions throughout the Commonwealth, including a stint as Director of the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond.

Mr. Miller is an example of many of the traits that we as Americans honor: service, dedication, and hard work, among others. He is a wonderful role model for his fellow Virginians and Americans, and I congratulate him on the wonderful celebration of his 100th birthday.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES L. SHEARER

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute to one of Kentucky's finest edu-

cators. Dr. Charles L. Shearer has served as president of Transylvania University for over 20 years and he has helped shape it into the fine liberal arts institution it is today.

Upon Dr. Shearer's inception as Transylvania University's president 20 years ago, he brought with him a doctorate in economics and teaching experience. Charles also spent 4 years as the university's vice president of finance where he successfully eliminated Transylvania's deficits. Although campus enrollment was low then, Dr. Shearer helped Transylvania rebound from 605 in 1983 to a record 1,109 during the fall of 2002.

Achieving the highest quality of education in the classroom possible has been a top priority throughout Dr. Shearer's tenure as president. The top 25 students in each class are awarded the William T. Young Scholarship. The Bingham, Jones and Kenan programs encourage retention and recruitment of faculty by awarding bonuses to deserving teachers.

Dr. Shearer's leadership helped raise the endowment from \$4.1 million in 1983 to \$110 million today. While funds peaked at \$129.3 million in 1998, the school has been able to make the necessary improvements and growth that have shaped Transylvania University. In the past 20 years the additions to the campus have included the Young Campus Center, the Rosenthal and Poole residence halls, the Cowgill business center, the Lucille Little Theatre, the Clive Beck Athletic and Recreation Center, the John R. Hall Field for intramurals and athletics, and the Marquard baseball field.

The commitment and devotion Dr. Charles Shearer has demonstrated to Transylvania University is inspiring. Fewer than 5 percent of college or university presidents serve 20 years or more. His ability to work and grow with people has enabled Dr. Shearer to serve Transylvania University in a spectacular way. While Dr. Shearer has received numerous offers to serve at other academic institutions, he has declined in order to continue his role at Transylvania and thus has become the longest serving president in the school's 223-year history. I am thrilled Dr. Shearer has remained at Transylvania and am optimistic for the university's future. I thank the Senate for allowing me to recognize Dr. Shearer and Transylvania University. He is one of Kentucky's best at one of its finest institutions.●

RECOGNIZING STEPHEN ARTHUR HEAVENER

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, today I recognize Mr. Stephen Arthur Heavener who will retire on August 1, 2003, after having served 8½ years as the Executive Director of the Front Royal-Warren County Economic Development Authority. He leaves this position to become Executive Director of the Department of Development in Carlsbad, NM.

During Mr. Heavener's 8½ years of service at the Warren County EDA more than 1,100 county jobs were created and the local industrial tax base increased from 8.5 percent in 1990 to 13.5 percent in 2002. These particular accomplishments came to fruition largely because of Mr. Heavener's work with Pen-Tab Industries, Toray Plastics, America, Family Dollar, Ferguson Enterprises and SYSCO Northeast Cooperative, Inc. Mr. Heavener also assisted in the redevelopment of the Avtex Fibers Superfund site in Front Royal. The massive construction on this 500-acre site will eventually create more than 11,000 square feet of premium rehabilitated office space, 240 acres of Conservancy Parklands, 160 acres of eco-business park, and 30 acres of soccer fields. In addition, Mr. Heavener has also aided in the growth and expansion of local businesses in Warren County by creating the Rural Business Enterprise Loan program, which has provided loans for small businesses in the amount of \$250,000.

Mr. Heavener's record of success as Executive Director of the Front Royal-Warren County Economic Development Authority is well-known and respected. I congratulate him on his years of dedicated service to the people of Warren County and the Commonwealth of Virginia and wish him well in his new position in the Department of Development in Carlsbad.●

THE BOSTON CELTICS—HEROES AMONG US

• Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, the Boston Celtics are heroes on the basketball court and off the court as well. In 1997, they established the "Heroes Among Us" award to honor outstanding individuals in New England who have made an especially significant impact on the lives of others. The award is designed to honor men and women in Massachusetts who stand tall in their commitment to their community. The extraordinary achievements of the honorees include saving lives, sacrificing for others, overcoming obstacles to achieve goals, or lifelong commitments to improving the lives of those around them. They include persons of all ages and from all walks of life, including students, community leaders, founders of nonprofit organizations, members of the clergy, and many others.

At each home game during the season, the Celtics and their fans salute the exemplary efforts of an honoree in a special presentation on the basketball court. So far, over 250 individuals have received the "Heroes Among Us" award.

All of us in Massachusetts are very proud of this program, which has become one of the most recognized and respected initiatives in our State. I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD the names of the honorees for the 2002-2003 season.

Dira Barbosa, Cambridge, MA; Ethan Zohn, Lexington, MA; Lisa Scherber,