

thousand, seventy-six dollars and eighty-six cents during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF WILLIAM F. HOFMANN III, AS PRESIDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS OF AMERICA

• Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, it is a privilege to take this opportunity to commend a fellow Massachusetts resident, William F. Hofmann of Belmont, who will be installed as President of the nation's largest insurance association—the Independent Insurance Agents of America—next month in Orlando, Florida. Bill is a partner in Provider Insurance Group, which has offices in Belmont, Brookline and Needham.

Bill's impressive career as an independent insurance agent has been marked by outstanding dedication to his clients and his community. He began his service in the insurance industry with the Independent Insurance Agents of Massachusetts, where he served as president. He also represented Massachusetts on the IIAA's National Board of State Directors. In 1980, he was honored with the Mr. Chairman's Award" by the American Association of Managing General Agents' for his distinguished service as chairman of its Education Committee.

Bill was elected to IIAA's Executive Committee in September 1995 and was honored by his peers when they named him President-Elect of the Association last fall. He will be inaugurated as President next month during the annual meeting in Orlando.

As a member of the Executive Committee leadership panel, Bill has worked to strengthen the competitive standing of independent insurance agents by helping to provide the tools they need to operate more successful businesses.

Before joining the IIAA's national leadership team, Bill was active on several of its committees. He served as chairman of the Education Committee for four years, and in 1994 he received a Presidential Citation for his work in this area.

Bill also has distinguished himself as an active and concerned member of his community. He served as president and on the Board of Directors of the Boston Children's Service. He also has been active in the Belmont Youth Basketball program, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Boosters Club. He has served as chairman of the Belmont Red Cross and as treasurer of the Belmont Religious Council. Bill is also an elected town meeting member, finance committee member, and registrar of voters in Belmont.

I am proud of Bill's accomplishments, and I know that he will have a

successful year as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of America. As his past accomplishments demonstrate, Bill will serve his fellow insurance agents with distinction, and provide them with strong leadership. I extend my warmest congratulations to Bill and his wife Marilyn as the incoming President and First Lady of this distinguished organization.●

HONORING ALLEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND THE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OF ALLEN HEALTH SYSTEM

• Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, on the occasion of the 75th birthday of Allen Memorial Hospital and the nursing education program of Allen Health System. I would like to congratulate this fine organization. For 75 years Allen Health System has diligently carried out its mission of commitment to healing, teaching, caring, and improving the health of the people and communities it serves.

Established in 1925, this organization has, over the years, positively impacted the lives of friends and family in Waterloo/Cedar Falls and surrounding communities of Northeast Iowa. Allen Health System has contributed to the development of healthcare within the community with its high quality of healthcare, professionalism, service and outreach.

The contribution of Allen Memorial Hospital and the nursing education program of Allen Health System over the past 75 years is immeasurable and Allen is to be commended for its unwavering commitment to providing healthcare to those it serves.

This September 2000, Allen Health System associates and students come together to commemorate the organization's 75th birthday and to further enhance their knowledge and skills related to healthcare, I salute them. The community has been strengthened and enhanced by the work of this organization and the men and women who are part of it.●

HONORING THURMAN "FUM" MCGRAW AND FAMILY

• Mr. ALLARD. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, Thurman "Fum" McGraw, a man whose legend at Colorado State University, my alma mater, is among the greatest in the University's history. "Fum," the school's first All-American, died Wednesday at age 73 of complications from a stroke this summer.

"Fum," who was large in stature at nearly 6-foot-5 and more than 200 pounds, was considered Colorado State University's greatest athlete, and as a "gentle giant" by his wife, Brownie. McGraw became synonymous with the school's athletic department. In addition to his superior college football ca-

reer, a two time All-American defensive lineman in 1948 and 1949 who led the Rams to their first Bowl game, he was also an All-American in wrestling and competed in the national track and field championships. As a senior in 1949-1950 he was the university's student body president. He graduated with a degree in forest management in 1950 and spent five years in the National Football League. After an amazing college career he starred with the National Football League's Detroit Lions, helping them to win two championships and earning All-Pro honors three times as a defensive lineman.

"Fum" returned to CSU in 1955 as the wrestling coach, also assisting with the football and track teams. He was an assistant coach with the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1958-62, returned to CSU as an administrator in 1962, then returned to the NFL as a scout in 1970. Finally in 1976 he was back to stay at CSU as the athletic director until 1986. Throughout his career at Colorado State University McGraw tirelessly raised money for the CSU athletic department. He spearheaded the resumption of the football series with the University of Colorado and helped initiate the construction of Moby Arena in 1966 and Hughes Stadium in 1968. His work ultimately led to the school's acceptance into the Western Athletic Conference in 1968. But it wasn't just what he did in athletics that made him so special.

Thurman McGraw was the recipient of numerous honors, including induction into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. In 1997 he and his wife received the Citizen of the West Award given annually by the National Western Stock Show. "Fum" also led the effort to name the university track for his former teammate and friend Jack Christiansen. Last year to honor McGraw, CSU officials commemorated his lifetime of support by dedicating the Thurman "Fum" McGraw Center. The Thurman "Fum" McGraw Center which includes the school's locker rooms, weight training and injury rehabilitation facilities, and coaches and staff offices for the athletic department. Two weeks ago, while "Fum" was laid up in the hospital, the football team dedicated its game against in state rival University of Colorado to McGraw. The Rams upset Colorado 28 to 24.

McGraw would do anything to help the school he adored, the friends he cared so much for, and the family he loved so dearly. Thurman "Fum" McGraw was and always will remain the essence of Colorado State University. He was a hero on and off the field, and a genuine role model for today's athletes. He will be missed throughout the community, but he will not be forgotten. I offer my thoughts and prayers to those close to Mr. McGraw in this difficult time.●