

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN RECOGNITION OF CFIDS
AWARENESS DAY

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize May 12 as Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunctions Syndrome [CFIDS] Awareness Day as well as the efforts of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome [CFS] Association of the Lehigh Valley in fighting this disease.

CFIDS, also known as CFS, is a complex illness which effects multiple systems of the body. The syndrome is characterized by neurological, rheumatological, and immunological problems; incapacitating fatigue; and numerous other symptoms. Over 800,000 Americans of all ages, races, and socio-economic classes suffer from this often debilitating disease. Tragically, persons with this syndrome can experience symptoms sufficient to deprive them of opportunity for gainful employment.

CFIDS is often misdiagnosed because it is frequently unrecognized and can resemble other disorders. Therefore, it is imperative that education and training of health professionals regarding CFIDS be expanded and that there be greater public awareness of this serious health problem. While there has been increased activity at the national, state, and local levels, and in private research institutions, more must be done to support patients and their families.

The CFS Association of the Lehigh Valley works to encourage further research to conquer CFIDS and related disorders, and to inform and empower those affected by the disorder until a cure is found. The association, a member of the CFIDS Support Network of the CFIDS Association of America, is celebrating their eight year of service to the CFIDS community and has participated in May 12 activities since 1993. Moreover, the association has been awarded the CFIDS Support Network Action Award for "Excellence in Service in the Area of CFIDS Awareness Day" in 1996 and for "Excellence in Commitment and Other Service to the CFIDS Community in the Area of Public Policy" in 1995.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the CFS Association of the Lehigh Valley for its efforts, and in recognizing May 12th as CFIDS Awareness Day.●

RECOGNIZING K.S. OF WEST
VIRGINIA

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize and celebrate the recent expansion of K.S. of West Virginia. It seems like just a short time ago, in August of 1995 to be precise, that I had the privilege of announcing that this Japan-based company would be moving to Ravenswood, West Virginia.

Remarkable things have happened since that day almost five years ago. At that time, just two Japanese firms called West Virginia home. Today, I am honored to say that seventeen Japanese companies are thriving in our state, creating good paying jobs that support both families and communities.

K.S. of West Virginia has played an important role in that success, and I would like to personally extend my gratitude to the Kato family for their unwavering support and belief in us. Our efforts in Japan would surely suffer were it not for the positive voices of our friends here at K.S. Indeed, Mr. Kato's enthusiasm and excitement about West Virginia is unmistakable and contagious. West Virginia has found a valuable ally and a good friend in Mr. Kazuo Kato, and his tireless work continues to be appreciated.

Too often in this country we have witnessed the destruction of families and whole communities as the result of the corporate philosophy of the bottom line. However, companies like K.S. of West Virginia, who recognize the importance of their employees and communities, demonstrate that compassion and sound judgement are the real keys to success. K.S. is an example of the kind of company that truly deserves our praise and support.

There is no clearer example of this than an issue Mr. Kato and I have been working on over the past year. As the leader of K.S., Mr. Kato faced a difficult situation with costly ramifications. Yet, instead of maintaining the status quo, Mr. Kato made a series of innovative decisions that will have far-reaching effects for both K.S., and the U.S. steel industry.

Not only a leader in the business world, K.S. has shown leadership in the West Virginia community, as well. Companies like K.S., who believe that their success is measured not just by overall profit margins, but by the amount that is shared with the people who make them profitable, teach us a valuable lesson in management, ethics, team work and mutual respect. This philosophy is as ancient as Confucius or the Bible, and as relevant as the news you read in this morning's paper.

Indeed, there are 115 individuals who have contributed to the prosperity of K.S. of West Virginia. Their hard work is not taken for granted, and as this company grows, so does the value of their loyalty. We are blessed in West Virginia to have parents and grandparents who taught their children that by working hard and playing by the rules a person can be successful—each employee at K.S. is a reflection of this tradition and a credit to our State.

As part of his core teaching, Confucius emphasized that people in positions of leadership have a sacred obligation to serve those who have entrusted them with power. If this power

is abused, then the entire system would break down, dooming any enterprise. Thus, I am proud to add my voice to the collective celebration of the success we are witnessing at K.S. of West Virginia. To Mr. Kato and his family, and all the members of K.S. of West Virginia, I extend my thanks and congratulations. You have demonstrated that by working together, unattainable dreams can become reality.●

THE RETIREMENT OF MS. JANET
HUVAERE

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Ms. Janet Huvaere, who is retiring this spring after 39 years of teaching at St. Jude School in Northeast Detroit. During her time at St. Jude, Ms. Huvaere has constantly been a light in the lives of her students and her fellow staff members, and her dedication to them and to her profession has truly been remarkable.

Ms. Huvaere was born in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, on October 11, 1938. She attended St. Ambrose School for both grade school and high school. After graduating from St. Ambrose, Ms. Huvaere worked for a year at Bon Secours Hospital, and then entered the Adrian Dominican Order. After two years, she left to attend Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan. She began teaching at St. Jude upon receiving her bachelor's degree from Siena Heights in 1961.

In her 39 years at St. Jude School, Ms. Huvaere has taught the third, fifth and sixth grades. Her dedication to her students is surpassed only by her dedication and love for her family. One of her greatest memories came in 1986, when her father, who was ill at the time, was able to partake in a celebration marking her 25th year at St. Jude.

Mr. President, Ms. Huvaere has touched many lives during her thirty-nine years of teaching, and has been a role model to many children in the State of Michigan. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Ms. Huvaere on a wonderful career, and wish her the best of luck in retirement.●

THE GRAND OPENING OF "A TEST
OF A NATION: THE HONOR OF A
COUNTY"

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, on May 19, 2000, the Barry County Parks and Recreation Commission will unveil a brand new exhibition at Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum and Recreation Area in Hastings, Michigan. The exhibition is entitled "A Test of a Nation: The Honor of a County," and is a tribute to the soldiers that Barry County sent off to battle during the Civil War, and also to their families. I rise today, Mr. President, in honor of this special occasion.

During the Civil War, Barry County, at the time populated by less than

15,000 people, contributed 1,632 men to the Union Army, the highest percentage of citizens per county in the State of Michigan. The new exhibition illustrates what life was like for these men out in the field, and for their loved ones at home. Part of the grand opening celebration on May 19, 2000, will be educational programs on the topic of the Civil War.

The exhibition was made possible in part by funds from a Michigan Arts, Cultural and Quality of Life Grant. On September 1, 1999, Historic Charlton Park received \$339,000 to remodel and expand the museum. "A Test of a Nation: The Honor of a County" marks the completion of the first phase of the project.

Mr. President, it goes without saying that the Civil War is one of the most important events in American History, and perhaps the most important. I applaud all of the people whose efforts made this exhibition possible, for with these efforts they have allowed individuals of all ages an opportunity to experience a little part of that history. They have given them a chance to see what life was like for the men, women and children of Barry County who played an important role in keeping our nation together.

On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Historic Charlton Park Village on the opening of "A Test of a Nation: The Honor of a County." It is truly an important exhibition, and I know that the people of Barry County will greatly appreciate it.●

THE FRIENDS OF THEODORE ROETHKE HISTORIC MARKER DEDICATION

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, on May 18, 2000, The Friends of Theodore Roethke, a group dedicated to maintaining the legacy of the great poet, will unveil a historic marker in his honor on the lawn of his childhood home at 1805 Gratiot, Saginaw, Michigan. I rise today, Mr. President, in honor of this special occasion.

Mr. Roethke was born in Saginaw in 1908, the son of Otto and Helen Huebner Roethke. He attended the University of Michigan and Harvard Graduate School, and later was a professor at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, Michigan State University, Penn State University, Bennington College in Vermont, and the University of Washington in Seattle.

Before his death on August 1, 1963, Mr. Roethke received many awards for his poetry. In 1954, he became the first Michigan man to win the Pulitzer Prize for his collection of poems entitled *The Waking*. And in 1959, he received the Bollingen Prize and a National Book Award for another collection of poems entitled *Words of the Wind*. Some of his other works include *The Lost Son*,

Praise to the End!, and *I Am!* Says the Lamb.

In 1998, the Friends of Theodore Roethke purchased both Roethke homes in Saginaw, Michigan, with a mission to promote, preserve and protect the literary legacy of the great poet by restoring his family residences for cultural and educational opportunities. Since the group purchased the homes, they have written grants for educational writing workshops combining Saginaw public and Saginaw Township students, offered tours for students and teachers, purchased some of the original Roethke furnishings, opened the houses to working writers, and made some much needed repairs, such as a new furnace and asbestos removal.

Mr. President, I applaud The Friends of Theodore Roethke for their wonderful efforts to keep alive the legacy of Michigan's only Pulitzer Prize winning poet. I am sure that the unveiling of this historic marker is only the first of many tributes. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate The Friends of Theodore Roethke on the dedication of this historic marker, and wish President Annie Ransford and the rest of the organization continued success in the future.●

IN MEMORY OF MS. MARY S. PALMERI

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in honor and in memory of Ms. Mary S. Palmeri, who passed away on August 30, 1999. Ms. Palmeri served the County of Wayne, Michigan, for 32 years, and has been chosen by her peers to posthumously receive the coveted Court Clerk of the Year Award, which will be presented to her family this week.

Ms. Palmeri was born in St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit in 1939, and was a lifelong resident of the city of Dearborn, Michigan. She graduated from Fordson High School in 1958, and spent approximately two years in college. In June of 1967, Ms. Palmeri became a typist at the County of Wayne Department of Civil Service, thus beginning a thirty-two year career of public service.

A few years later Ms. Palmeri was transferred to the County Clerk's Office, where she worked in numerous offices prior to becoming a Court Clerk, including the Record Room and as Supervisor of the Appeals Department. Ms. Palmeri ultimately worked as a Court Clerk for many prominent judges, including the Honorable Henry J. Szymanski, the Honorable William J. Cahalan, and the Honorable Pamela R. Harwood.

In addition to her work, Ms. Palmeri enjoyed many hobbies, including bowling, ceramics, crocheting, knitting and crewel embroidery. She was both a terrific seamstress and a wonderful

cook. She also loved to play cards, work on crossword puzzles, and play board games. She was also an active member of St. Alphonseus Catholic Church in Dearborn, Michigan. Ms. Palmeri is survived by her husband of thirty years, Frank, and their three children, Christopher, Cindy and John.

Mr. President, I am glad that the County of Wayne has chosen to honor Ms. Palmeri's many years of service by presenting her family with the Court Clerk of the Year Award. She was a hard worker who truly cared for the people around her, and her warm and generous personality is deeply missed by the entire Dearborn community.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

A DRAFT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENTITLED THE "CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2000—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 104

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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit today for immediate consideration and prompt enactment the "Consumer Product Safety Commission Enhanced Enforcement Act of 2000." This legislative proposal would increase the penalties that the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) could impose upon manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of consumer products who do not inform the CPSC when the company has reason to believe it has sold a product that does not meet Federal safety standards or could otherwise create a substantial product hazard. The proposal would also improve product recalls by enabling the CPSC to choose an alternative remedy in a recall if the CPSC finds that the remedy selected by the manufacturer is not in the public interest.

Under current consumer product safety laws, manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of consumer products are required to inform the CPSC