

Against Women Act of 1994. But that decision leaves intact the bulk of this landmark law. For the past five years, VAWA has funded and promoted significant innovations in federal, state and local programs to assist victims of violence, enhance prosecution of domestic violence and sexual assault crimes, and prevent violence against women and children in their homes and on our streets. This support has enabled shelters, rape crisis centers, health care professionals, schools, police forces and communities across the country to address and prevent violence against women. I commend my distinguished colleague from Delaware, Senator BIDEN, for his authorship of the original Violence Against Women Act and for his commitment to ensuring that this important legislation is re-authorized.

Women across the nation, including in my home state of Wisconsin, have benefitted from this important legislation. Women's lives have been saved. Countless victims of domestic violence or sexual assault are receiving the services they need. Police are participating in training programs to arrest and bring abusers to justice. Both men and women are learning about the problem of domestic violence and sexual assault. In short, women are safer today because of this legislation.

Our nation's progress in preventing violence against women, however, is now in serious jeopardy. Authorization for the Violence Against Women Act ends this year. I understand that Senators BIDEN and HATCH have been working closely to craft a compromise re-authorization bill. I commend both of my colleagues for their commitment to this issue. But with only weeks remaining in this abbreviated session, I urge the Senate leadership to take action on this legislation without further delay.

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, yesterday, May 17, 2000, I was necessarily absent during rollcall votes 102, 103, and 104 in order to accompany the President of the United States to the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, and to meet with several mayors representing cities in southeastern Connecticut. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: yes on rollcall vote 102; yes on rollcall vote 103; yes on rollcall vote 104.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, May 17, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,671,580,132,464.01 (Five trillion, six hundred seventy-one billion, five hundred eighty million, one hundred thirty-two thousand, four hundred sixty-four dollars and one cent).

One year ago, May 17, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,587,730,000,000 (Five trillion, five hundred eighty-seven billion, seven hundred thirty million).

Five years ago, May 17, 1995, the Federal debt stood at \$4,884,247,000,000 (Four trillion, eight hundred eighty-four billion, two hundred forty-seven million).

Ten years ago, May 17, 1990, the Federal debt stood at \$3,093,688,000,000 (Three trillion, ninety-three billion, six hundred eighty-eight million).

Fifteen years ago, May 17, 1985, the Federal debt stood at \$1,751,773,000,000 (One trillion, seven hundred fifty-one billion, seven hundred seventy-three million) which reflects a debt increase of almost \$4 trillion—\$3,919,807,132,464.01 (Three trillion, nine hundred nineteen billion, eight hundred seven million, one hundred thirty-two thousand, four hundred sixty-four dollars and one cent) during the past 15 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RETIREMENT OF COLONEL WILLIAM "DAVE" MILLER

• Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, today I rise to honor Col. William "Dave" Miller upon his retirement from the U.S. Army and to thank him for his 27 years of faithful and honorable service to the Army and the Nation.

Serving in positions of increasing responsibility, Colonel Miller has displayed remarkable leadership and superb knowledge throughout his entire career. Colonel Miller's exceptional abilities were notably acknowledged when he was selected as Commander of the Data Systems Unit, White House Communications Agency. As the Commander, he was the driving force behind the development of a host of automation modernization programs, which significantly improved the crisis management decision process of the Nation and placed the Command upon the cutting edge of the information revolution. Colonel Miller routinely interacted with the National Security Council, White House Military Office, and the White House Staff. The consummate professional, he demonstrated the ability to work successfully with each of these offices and build consensus thereby ensuring mission success.

Upon completion of the Program Manager's Course, Colonel Miller served as the Commander of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Acquisition Information Systems Activity, where he directly supported the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition. Colonel Miller introduced a myriad of initiatives that resulted in dramatic improvements in the daily oper-

ation of his organization. Chief among these was his ability to reduce base operations costs by 38 percent which translated into a yearly savings of over three hundred thousand dollars.

Colonel Miller culminated his career as the Commander of the United States Army Information Systems Software Center, a centrally selected Command with over 900 military and civilian personnel supported by over 400 contractors. He managed a budget of over \$115 million. Colonel Miller, a recognized leader in the acquisition and automation communities, did an exceptional job of leading his command through a difficult period of downsizing and budget cuts while continuing to improve automation support to the Warfighter.

Colonel Miller is one of the Army's most outstanding automation officers. His selfless dedication, consummate professionalism, and visionary leadership have enabled him to lead his Command to unprecedented heights, eliciting praise from field commanders Army wide. He personifies the very best character attributes of the Officers' Corps. The Army will be greatly diminished the day that he retires.

I am honoring Colonel Miller today as a way of thanking him for his faithful and honorable service to the Army and to the citizens of the United States. •

KIDS DAY AMERICA/ INTERNATIONAL

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to join Stefanou Chiropractic Centers in supporting the sixth annual Kids Day America/International event in Philadelphia on May 20, 2000. Stefanou Chiropractic is the official chiropractic office representing Kids Day America/International at the event, which will benefit the World Children's Wellness Foundation.

Kids Day America/International is a special day set aside to address health, safety and environmental issues. It was founded for the purpose of educating families and communities about important social concerns that affect us as individuals and as a community.

Our children represent the promise of a bright future, and we must uphold our obligation to nurture and protect them, providing them with the opportunity to learn, achieve, grow and succeed in a healthy and safe environment. Kids Day America/International is an opportunity to teach our children positive principles which will benefit them for a lifetime.

I would like to offer my best wishes to Stefanou Chiropractic Centers for a successful and educational event to be enjoyed by all. To honor this event, I put forward the following proclamation:

Whereas, the health and well-being of children is our responsibility; and

Whereas, the safety of our children is a significant concern for parents, community leaders and health care givers; and