

\$536,081,000,000 (Five hundred thirty-six billion, eighty-one million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,109,346,846,938.37 (Five trillion, one hundred nine billion, three hundred forty-six million, eight hundred forty-six thousand, nine hundred thirty-eight dollars and thirty-seven cents) during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRINIDAD STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, Trinidad State Junior College, the oldest two-year college in Colorado, is celebrating 75 years of excellence. Established in 1925 by the Colorado Legislature, the College can look back with pride over its 75 years of service to its community, the State of Colorado, and the Nation.

Throughout its history, Trinidad State Junior College has attracted students from across Colorado, from many areas of the United States, and from numerous foreign countries. The result has been the creation of an environment that is significantly more cosmopolitan than is found in other rural two-year colleges.

Trinidad State Junior College will carry forth its strong tradition of scholastic excellence into the new century and will continue to provide its students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to meet their educational and personal goals.

Congratulations to Trinidad State Junior College on its seventy-fifth anniversary.●

OCCASION OF THE 2000 PARALYMPIC TRIALS

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, this past week, culminating on Saturday, June 24th, the 2000 Paralympic Trials for track and field were held on the campus of Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut.

Almost 150 athletes competed in a dozen events including the 100 meter race, 10,000 meter race, shot put, long jump and high jump. Seventy-one athletes earned the right to represent the United States at the 2000 Sydney Paralympic Games, which will be held October 18th–29th.

The Paralympic movement is relatively young, but in recent years it has grown rapidly. In 1948, Sir Ludwig Guttmann staged the first International Wheelchair Games to coincide with the 1948 London Olympic Games. These first Games focused on World War II veterans with spinal cord-related injuries. Later, other disability groups established international sports organizations which arranged various competitions. As time went by, multi-disability competitions developed.

These events were brought together for the first time under the banner of the Paralympic Games in 1960 in Rome.

Since then, the games have grown in success and popularity. Always held in tandem with the Olympic Games, the Paralympic athletes move into the Olympic village shortly after the Olympic athletes move out and many times compete at the same venues as their Olympic counterparts.

From Seoul to Barcelona and most recently in Atlanta, the Paralympic Games have blossomed into a major international sporting event. This year's Games in Sydney will continue the momentum generated over the last decade. In fact, more athletes will compete at the Sydney 2000 Summer Paralympics (4,000 athletes from 125 nations) than in the 1972 Munich Olympics.

To those who competed last week in Connecticut, I think I speak for all of our colleagues in applauding their efforts. Like all athletes, they remind us of the timely and timeless virtues that sports teach us—virtues like self-reliance, discipline, cooperation, and modesty in victory as well as defeat. In striving to do their best, they inspire others to do their best, as well—be they disabled or not.

To those who will represent the United States in Sydney, we wish them luck. And we are confident that they will do our nation proud.

I ask that the names of these athletes be printed in the RECORD.

ATHLETES NOMINATED TO THE 2000 PARALYMPIC ATHLETICS TEAM

Rodney Anderson, Daniel Andrews, Ken Bair, Bob Baik, Lisa Banta, Jennifer Barrett, Cheri Beccerra, Thomas Becke, Trent Blair, Cheri Blauwet, John Brewer, Ted Bridis, Shawn Brown, Jeremy Burleson, Bert Burns, Lynne K. Carlton, Joesph Christmas, Wiley Clark, Ed Cockrell, Shea Cowart, Keith Davis, Ross Davis, Troy Davis, Gabriel Diaz DeLeon, Barton Dodson, Jean Driscoll, Rob Evans, Mark Fenn, Brian Frasure, Jessica Galli, Roderick Green, Deborah Hearn, Jacob Heilveil, Doug Heir, Scott Hollonbeck, and Larry Hughes.

Tony Iniguez, Val Jacobson, Eric Kaiser, Michael Keohane, Dave Larson, Jeff Lauterbach, Cheryl Leitner, Joseph LeMar, Arthur Lewis, Kenneth Marshall, Vince Martin, Pan McGonigle, Asya Miller, Royal Mitchell, Nancy Moloff, Edward Munro, Lindsay Nielsen, Paul Nitz, Albert Reed, Freeman Register, John Register, Ian Rice, Rich Ruffalo, Payam Saadat, William Schneider, Marlon Shirley, Judy Siegle, Matthew Smith, Amie Stanton, Laura Terry, Tony Volpentef, Lynn Wachtell, Chris Waddell, Tim Willis, and Dana Zimmerman.●

FARGO-MOORHEAD, ALL-AMERICAN CITY

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate the City of Fargo, North Dakota, on its recent selection with neighboring Moorhead, Minnesota, as an All-American City by the National Civic League.

This is a prestigious but well deserved honor. The Fargo-Moorhead

metro area is one of the most vital and fastest growing in the Upper Great Plains. The region is home to three highly respected colleges and universities. It is a major medical and commercial center. And in recent years, the area has seen remarkable growth in high technology.

But modern infrastructure and economic vitality are only part of the story of this award. Fargo was recently ranked the best medium-sized city in America in which to raise children. It offers the sort of civil society with safe streets, strong families, and functioning and responsive government that comes to mind when people all over this country think of what it means to live in America's heartland.

It was pleasant news but no surprise that Fargo-Moorhead was one of 10 communities that were winners in the national All-America City competition, hosted by the National Civic League. The league could not have chosen better.

As I have discussed on the Senate floor, recent storms dumped over seven inches of rain on Fargo in just over seven hours, inundating the city and causing hundreds of millions of dollars of damage. These torrential rains have also meant something else, however—another chance for the area's residents to show their resilience, compassion, and community spirit. Already, Fargo-Moorhead is coming back, stronger than ever.

Mr. President, I would like to pay special tribute to the cooperation between Fargo and its sister city to the east, Moorhead. Rather than a basis for rivalry, the proximity and common experience of Fargo and Moorhead have proven compelling rationales for cooperation. The joint award to Fargo and Moorhead of All-America City honors recognizes the daily cooperation and friendship that characterizes relations between these neighboring communities.

Numerous volunteers invested thousands of hours of work in preparations for the recent competition, and deserve sincere thanks. Let me make special note of the efforts of Fargo Mayor Bruce Furness and Moorhead Mayor Morris Lanning for their leadership and vision. In helping to make this award a reality, they are allowing the nation to see what we in North Dakota and Minnesota have known for years—that Fargo-Moorhead is shining example of the American dream made reality, a truly All-America City.

Again, on behalf of the United States Senate, I offer my most sincere congratulations to Fargo and Moorhead for being recognized as an All-America City.●

HONORING ARDYCE HABEGGER SAMP

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to publicly commend Ardyce