THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday, July 16, 2001, the Federal debt stood at $5,709,313,725,685.43, five trillion, seven hundred fifty-six billion, six hundred eighty-five dollars and forty-three cents. It is the Federal debt.

Fifteen years ago, July 16, 1986, the Federal debt stood at $3,541,429,000,000, three trillion, three hundred fifteen million, seven hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred eighty-five dollars and forty-three cents, which reflects a debt increase of more than $5 trillion.

Ten years ago, July 16, 1991, the Federal debt stood at $2,069,283,000,000, two trillion, sixty-nine billion, two hundred eighty-three million.

Twenty-five years ago, July 16, 1976, the Federal debt stood at $618,625,000,000, six hundred eighteen billion, six hundred twenty-five million, which reflects a debt increase of more than $5 trillion.

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ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

PRAISE FOR GEORGIA'S KWAME BROWN ON BEING NBA'S NUMBER ONE DRAFT

Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, every one of us has a life story. Every person is a book, and I would like to tell you about one young man from the state of Georgia who is beginning a new chapter in his.

KWAME BROWN has known adversity since the age of 5, when his parents split and he lived in a shelter with his mother and siblings for 10 months. With the help of relatives, Kwame and his family got out of that shelter and things got better—but not by much. Kwame's mother, Joyce, raised him and his seven siblings by herself in Brunswick, GA, supporting the family by cleaning hotel rooms.

That job ended in 1993 when a back injury and other health problems left Ms. Brown unable to work. Since then, the family has scraped by on a monthly disability check and a few extra dollars from babysitting. Their mode of transportation: a bicycle. Such adversity would break most families, but not Kwame Brown's family.

With the help of a church mentor, Kwame and his siblings became focused and set goals for themselves. Kwame decided he wanted to be a better student and a better basketball player. Through his faith and many hours of hard work, Kwame improved so much that he was selected for co-captain at Brunswick's Glynn Academy. And now he has achieved something she has never had: the keys to a new home.

I am honored to recognize Kwame Brown, a young man who is not only a talented athlete, but also humble, wise and mature beyond his years. I look forward to this new chapter in Kwame's life with great anticipation. I know his will be a fascinating story with a wonderful ending.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES LAKE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to James Lake upon the occasion of his completion in June of a tenure as the President of the American Nuclear Society for the 2000/2001 year. The American Nuclear Society is an international scientific and educational organization established in 1954. Its membership now has approximately 11,000 engineers, scientists, administrators, and educators representing over 1,500 corporations, educational institutions, and government agencies.

The work of nuclear engineers and scientists is especially relevant to the…

To give his family a better life than they have ever known. And he has promised his mother and himself that he will still get that college education. First, he wants to give his mother something she has never had: the keys to a brand new home.

Basketball legend Michael Jordan, who is part-owner of the Wizards, called Kwame “a confident kid who understands his surroundings . . . He comes from a family where nothing has been given to him. He has gotten this far with hard work and a little dreaming. I am honored to recognize Kwame Brown, a young man who is not only a talented athlete, but also humble, wise and mature beyond his years. I look forward to this new chapter in Kwame’s life with great anticipation. I know his will be a fascinating story with a wonderful ending.

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