I want the RECORD to reflect his early referral to him as an original cosponsor, his introductory statement on the bill re-
ferred to working with him to enact the VA Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2001.

SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPANY AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2001

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I am pleased to join my colleague, Senator BOND, in introducing The Small Business Investment Company, SBIC, Amendments Act of 2001. I am a strong supporter of this program, and am mystified and frustrated by efforts to eliminate funding for and restrict the investment of a program that does so much good for the economy.

Last year, the Agency financed 4,600 venture capital deals, which invested $5.6 billion in our fastest-growing small businesses. In spite of this impressive track record, the President’s budget, and the House appropriators, have eliminated funding for the SBIC participating securities program and reduced the program level for the debenture program, which requires no appro-
priations. Why eliminate funding and restrict activity for the SBIC programs when venture capital has all but dried up? As I have said so many times, the programs at SBA are a bargain. For very little, taxpayers leverage their money to help thousands of small businesses every year and fuel the econ-
omy.

In the SBIC participating securities program last year, taxpayers spent $1.31 for every $100 leveraged for investment in our fastest growing companies—companies like Staples, Callaway Golf, Federal Express, and Apple com-
puters.

The main purpose of this Act is to adjust the fees charged to Participat-
ing Security SBICs from one per-
cent to two percent. The change is nec-
essary because the demand for the SBIC program is growing beyond what is possible to fund solely through appro-
priations.

The National Association of Small Business Investment Companies, NASBIC, testified before both the Sen-
ate and House Committees on Small Business in favor of increasing the pro-
gram level from $2 billion to $3.5 bil-

This legislation raises fees just enough to make up the difference be-
 tween appropriations of $26.2 million, which is level funding, and the $65.4 million that would be needed to pro-
vide a $3.5 billion program level. This approach is consistent with the Kerry/Bond amendment to the Budget Reso-
ltion that was agreed to by the Senate by voice vote in April, and retained in the final budget resolution.

The other changes strengthen the oversight and authority of SBA to take action against bad actors and protect the integrity of the program.

THE LOSS OF KATHARINE GRAHAM

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, yes-
terday Washington D.C. and the Nation lost a great friend. A first-rate role model and debt businesswoman, Kathar-
ine Graham was a believer in the first amendment who printed the sto-
ties that defined our Nation and im-
pacted our lives. As one of the first fe-
male executives to run a major news-
paper, Katharine Graham opened the doors of power for women here in the Nation’s capital and around the coun-
try. When Katharine Graham assumed the duties of editor-in-chief of The Washington Post, two women served in the U.S. Senate, and none served as Governors of States.

Today, in large part because of the path that she and other women of her generation have blazed, there are more women serving as Members of Con-
gress, as Governors, and as corporate executives than ever before. Among all her accomplishments, it is this inspira-
tion for which I am most grateful.

Katharine Graham will be surely re-
membered by her family, friends and her many admirers around the world.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, July 17, 2001, the Federal debt stood at $5,714,215,489,048.80, five trillion, seven hundred fourteen billion, two hundred fifteen million, four hundred eighty-nine thousand, forty-eight dollars and eighty cents.

One year ago, July 17, 2000, the Fed-
eral debt stood at $5,671,573,000,000, five trillion, six hundred seventy-three billion, five hundred seventy-three mil-

Five years ago, July 17, 1996, the Fed-
eral debt stood at $5,162,070,000,000, five trillion, one hundred sixty-two billion, one hundred million.

Ten years ago, July 17, 1991, the Fed-

Fifteen years ago, July 17, 1986, the Fed-

Twenty years ago, July 17, 1976, the Federal debt stood at $3,821,000,000, three trillion, eight hundred twenty million.

Thirty years ago, July 17, 1966, the Fed-

Mr. President, in a coup-
deal of days, July 27th to be exact, I will be going to Oshkosh, WI, to attend “2001 Air Venture” or the Oshkosh Fly-
In for those of us who are involved in general aviation. This will be the 23rd consecutive year that I have gone and it is an event that I look forward to each July.

As in years past, I will use the oppor-
tunity to catch up with old friends, watch a couple of air shows, and look over hundreds of planes. In addition, this year I will have the opportunity to meet a true American hero, Colonel Harold Dean Weekley, retired, who will be honored by the WAR BIRDS for his 90 years of service in the Army Air Corp and then the U.S. Air Force. During World War II, Colonel Weekley flew B17’s where he had a great many close calls but in each in-
stance heroically finished his mission and on several occasions put his own life on the line to protect his crew.

I know all my colleagues will agree with me that we owe the men and women of the Armed Forces a tremen-
dous debt of gratitude because they are the ones on the front lines protecting our liberty. Colonel Weekley and his generation went above and beyond the call of duty when they put their lives and careers on hold to fight in a con-

Fifteen years ago, July 17, 1986, the Federal debt stood at $3,821,000,000, three trillion, eight hundred twenty million.

Ten years ago, July 17, 1991, the Federal debt stood at $3,541,621,000,000, three trillion, five hundred forty-one billion, six hundred twenty million.

Fifteen years ago, July 17, 1986, the Federal debt stood at $2,070,188,000,000, two trillion, seventy billion, one hundred eighty-eight million, which reflects a debt increase of more than $3.3 trillion, $3,644,027,489,048.80, three trillion, six hundred forty-four billion, twenty-seven million, four hundred eighty-nine thousand, forty-eight dollars and eighty cents during the past 15 years.

HONORING COLONEL HAROLD DEAN WEEKLEY

- Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, in a cou-

HONORING CENTENNIAL OF BROWNE’S MARKET AND DELI

- Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, it is the 100th anniversary of a business in Kansas City, MO that represents the entrepreneurial spirit that has made America great. In 1901, two Irish immi-
grants, Edward and Mary Flavin, in search of the American dream, de-
signed and constructed a building that would serve as a grocery store and meat market. The couple wished to de-
velop a successful business, catering to the needs of the residents in their neighborhood. The Flavins recognized the opportunity offered in the United
TRIBUTE TO LARRY HORNSBY

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to an outstanding representative of Alabama State, Larry G. Hornsby, CRNA, BSN. Mr. Hornsby will soon complete his year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, AANA. I am very pleased that one of Alabama’s own was tapped as the 2000–2001 president of this prestigious national organization.

The AANA is the professional organization that represents more than 28,000 practicing Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, CRNAs. Founded in 1931, the AANA professionalism association representing CRNAs nationwide. As you may know, CRNAs administer more than 65 percent of the anesthetics given to patients each year in the United States. CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and are the sole anesthesiology provider in 2/3 of all rural hospitals, affording these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical and trauma stabilization capabilities. They work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered including hospital operating rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and the plastic surgeons.

Larry received his nurse anesthesia education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he also earned his bachelor’s of science and nursing degrees. He is currently president of Anesthesia Professionals, Inc., in Montgomery, AL, and Anesthesia Resources Management, Inc., in Birmingham, AL. Mr. Hornsby has held various leadership positions in the AANA as regional director, vice president, and president-elect before becoming the national president of AANA in 2000. Also, Larry has served terms as president and vice president for the Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists, GETNAR’s Government Relations and the Educational District Six committees.

In addition to his service to the AANA, Mr. Hornsby sits on the Alabama Board of Nursing Advisory Council to the Nursing PracticeDiscipline Committee and was a representative to the State of Alabama Commission on Nursing. Adding to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Hornsby has become a nationally recognized speaker on anesthesia-related topics over the years.

Even with his time commitments to the AANA and in his profession as a CRNA, Larry still manages time for his second passion, to fish for bass in the rivers of Alabama. As a bassmaster, Mr. Hornsby was president of the Capital City Bassmasters in Montgomery, AL between 1987–1997.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Larry G. Hornsby, CRNA, BSN, for his notable career and outstanding achievements.

IN MEMORY OF ALDERMAN

LORRAINE L. DIXON

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this moment to commemorate the life of Lorraine L. Dixon, Alderman from the 8th Ward in the City of Chicago.

Born on Father’s Day, June 18, 1950, in the south side neighborhood of Bronzeville, she was the youngest of five children born to Edwin and Edra Godwin. Alderman Dixon grew up surrounded by friends and family including her four brothers Edward Jr., Eddie, Andrew and John. She was particularly close to her brothers Eddie and John who would do anything to protect and please their little sister including taking the blame for accidents. After attending Fuller Elementary School and South Shore High School, she graduated from Chicago State University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education and a minor in English Literature.

Alderman Dixon’s career in the public service began in June 1990. As an aide to Alderman Keith Caldwell, she was appointed by Alderman Caldwell in June 1990. Her commitment to the position was demonstrated by her scheduling of weekly Monday night meetings with constituents of the 8th Ward. Alderman Dixon won her first aldermanic election to represent the 8th Ward in 1991 and won overwhelming re-elections in 1995 and 1999, demonstrating the support she inspired from her constituents. During her years as the standard bearer for the 8th Ward, she served as Chairwoman of the Human Relations Committee and Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on MBE/WBE and Affirmative Action Matters. In 1993 she was elected President Pro Tempore of the Chicago City Council, becoming the first woman in the history of the Chicago City Council to be so honored. Then in August 1994 she was elected as the first woman to serve as Chairwoman of the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. From this powerful committee she was able to oversee taxpayer dollars used to support programs in the city that she loved. She served her ward, and the entire City of Chicago, with passion and grace.

Her dedication to the public was equaled only by her dedication to God and her unwavering faith gave her courage as she battled breast cancer. Alderman Dixon’s faith gave her the strength to overcome the anguish of being diagnosed with this grave disease and to continue her work in the 8th Ward during the last days of her life. She worshiped at Christ Temple Cathedral and was active within the community of the 8th Ward, where she is remembered by many for her willingness to fight for those in need. The constituents of the 8th Ward will not soon forget her kindness.

Alderman Dixon was a member of many community boards and professional organizations and from these activities she was able to hear and effectively respond to the issues and needs of her constituents in the 8th Ward. Her involvement touched many lives. Lorraine L. Dixon was a true leader and a true public servant. Her accomplishments in life leave a rich legacy to all who knew and respected her. She has left an extended family that includes her mother, Edra, her brothers Edward Jr. and Eddie, and countless