Constituent Assembly to establish a sound legal framework for independent governance. It is my fervent hope that the same spirit of civic participation and tolerance that guided this most recent election will continue to guide the elected representatives of the Constituent Assembly as they establish a new democratic system to promote the cause of peace, independence, and prosperity to the East Timor.

The United Nations must also be credited for organizing a successful election and establishing a firm foundation for future independent governance. As U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has noted, it is in many respects the conviction with which the people of East Timor have embraced democracy that continues to strengthen the commitment of the world community to their cause. I commend the United Nations Administration in East Timor, UNTAET, for their dedication in implementing this important mission and for their success in organizing this recent election.

THE BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, September 7, 2001, the Federal debt stood at $5,772,587,811,775.31, five trillion, seven hundred seventy-five million, eight hundred seventy-two billion, five hundred eleven thousand, seven hundred seventy-five dollars and thirty-one cents.

One year ago, September 7, 2000, the Federal debt stood at $5,680,707,239,455.93, five trillion, six hundred eighty-seven million, eight hundred seventy-two billion, five hundred eleven thousand, seven hundred seventy-five dollars and thirty-one cents.

Twenty-five years ago, September 7, 1976, the Federal debt stood at $262,594,000,000, six hundred twenty-five million, nine hundred thirty-four million, four hundred fifty dollars and ninety-three cents.

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Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my Senate colleagues to join with me in honoring dedicated activists and respected community leader Dr. Haifa Fakhouri. Dr. Fakhouri will be named a Lady of Charity. Dr. Fakhouri will join with me in honoring dedicated activists and respected community leader Dr. Haifa Fakhouri. Dr. Fakhouri will be named a Lady of Charity by the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (PIME Missionaries) at the 43rd Knights of Charity Award Dinner in Dearborn, Michigan on October 11, 2001.

The Knights of Charity Award is presented each year to men and women who clearly exemplify “Unity in Family, Friendship in the Person-to-Person Role of Charity.” This award is given to those whose words and actions promote the ideals of charity, friendship, love and interfaith and intercultural collaboration.

Dr. Fakhouri clearly exemplifies these ideals. Since coming to America from Jordan in 1968, she has become one of the most respected leaders of the Arab-American community. Her most well known and far reaching achievement was helping to found, and serve as President and CEO of the Arab-American and Chaldean Council (ACC), the largest community based human services agency in the nation, serving the Arabic and Chaldean speaking population of the Southeast Michigan area. Founded in Detroit in 1979, the ACC has quickly grown to offer 36 outreach centers and over 50 specialized programs to the Arab/Chaldean community in Detroit and the surrounding area.

Under Dr. Fakhouri’s leadership, the ACC has adopted goals and ideals that closely match those of the Knights of Charity. Dr. Fakhouri’s leadership, vision and compassion have made her one of the nation’s greatest community activists. Her dedication to serving others has made her an invaluable part of the southeast Michigan community. I know that many Senate colleagues will join me in congratulating her on being named a Lady of Charity.

U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS BIRTHDAY

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, the Congress of the United States recognizes with extreme pleasure the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps on its thirty-ninth anniversary of their Congressional Charter of September 10, 1962.

A non-profit training and education organization for young men and women, the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps has consistently provided, in conjunction with the Navy and Coast Guard, an outstanding opportunity for our country’s youth to sample military life and experience the challenges and rewards of cadet life and services. Over 8600 Cadets ages 11 to 17, led by 2,000 adult volunteers, across the United States and overseas participate with active forces in a wide variety of maritime training activities.

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The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is dedicated to building community cooperation and coordination, increasing cross cultural understanding and raising the level of the community’s general well-being. Because Dr. Fakhouri has been so successful in guiding the ACC towards achieving these goals, she has received recognition from numerous state and national organizations. For example, she has served as Special Advisor to the United Nations on the role and status of women and population policies in the Middle East Region, and she has received the 1999 Governor’s Community Leadership Award, the 1999 Michigan Senate Award and many others.

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The History Museum for Springfield-Greene County is a valuable asset to the Springfield area. I ask that the Members of the Senate join me in recognizing and honoring the twenty-fifth anniversary of the History Museum for Springfield-Greene County.

**NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK**

- Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I draw the Senate’s attention to National Assisted Living Week. The National Center for Assisted Living is sponsoring National Assisted Living Week this week to highlight the significance of this service and the hope that it can provide seniors.

  Assisted living is a long term care alternative for seniors who need more assistance than is available in retirement communities, but do not require the heavy medical and nursing care provided by nursing facilities. Approximately one million of our Nation’s seniors have chosen the option of assisted living in this country. This demonstrates a tremendous desire by seniors and their families to have the kind of assistance that they need in bathing, taking medications or other activities of daily living in a setting that truly becomes their home.

  This year’s theme of National Assisted Living Week is “Sharing the Wisdom of Generations,” and it is intended to recognize the value of sharing insights and experiences between assisted living residents, their families, volunteers and assisted living staff. I think that it is appropriate because it highlights the variety of options available and provides opportunities to move different needs of patients.

  Oregon has led our Nation in the concept of assisted living. My State spends more dollars to provide assisted living services than any other in our Nation. Assisted living has taken different directions in different States, and I believe offering these choices for consumers is important to provide security, dignity and independence for seniors.

  Assisted living will become even more important for seniors and their families as our Nation experiences the demographic tsunami of aging baby boomers. It is but do not require the heavy medical and nursing care that the elderly require.

- CONGRATULATING LT. STEVE YOUNG

  - Mr. VINOVICH. Mr. President, I am honored to stand before you today and congratulate Lieutenant Steve Young, his family and friends on his well-deserved nomination as President of the National Fraternal Order of Police, FOP. As you may know, the 86 year-old Fraternal Order of Police is the world’s largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers, improving the working conditions and advocating the safety of Police Department members in over 2,000 local lodges throughout the United States.

  I am confident that with his 25 years of membership in the FOP and his current position as a Lieutenant in the State Police Department in my State of Ohio, Lt. Young is an outstanding choice to lead the National Fraternal Order of Police. Prior to being named National President, Lt. Young has proudly and effectively served as both National Vice President and Ohio’s State President.

  Further, he has become something of an expert in helping to ensure police officers’ pension plans throughout the country. He also helped to create the Ohio Law Enforcement Officers’ Foundation which gives education grants to law enforcement agencies.

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  I know that Lt. Young will use his new position to further ensure fair and equal treatment to our nation’s true heroes, police officers, on the job and to expand the FOP’s involvement throughout the Nation. I wish Lt. Young the best of luck and extend my congratulations to him once again here before Congress. I know he will do an excellent job.

**THE HEART FAILURE SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

- Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, the Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA) is a non-profit professional organization headquartered in St. Paul, MN, that represents the first organized effort by heart failure experts from the Americas to promote awareness and understanding of heart failure. The HFSA was founded in 1994 by a small, dedicated group of academic cardiologists who recognized that heart failure was on the rise, but that there was no venue for researchers, trainees and clinicians to share ideas about combating the disease. We owe them a debt of gratitude for providing the impetus for exploring further research and treatment which might not otherwise have occurred.

  The Heart Failure Society of America is seen by government, industry and the medical community as the authoritative organization on heart failure. The Senate first commended the HFSA and its work in the area of heart failure in February of last year, designating the week surrounding Valentine’s Day each year as “National Heart Failure Awareness Week.” These medical professionals are dedicated to enhancing the quality and duration of people’s lives.

- IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE DENNIS W. ARCHER

  - Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge the achievements of an accomplished jurist, distinguished public servant and committed civic leader from my home state of Michigan, the Honorable Dennis Wayne Archer, Mayor of Detroit. On October 11, 2001, Mayor Archer will be inducted as a Knight of Charity by the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (PIME Missionaries) at the 33rd Knights of Charity Award Dinner in Dearborn, Michigan. This award is a fitting tribute for a man who has dedicated his life to the service of others.

  The Knights of Charity Award is presented annually to Wisconsin women who clearly exemplify “Unity in Family Life with Person-to-Person Charity.” This award is given to those whose words and actions promote the ideals of charity, friendship, love and other faith and intercultural collaboration.

  Mayor Archer spent the first five years of his career teaching learning