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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-two billion, five hundred eighty billion, seven hundred seventy-five million dollars and ninety-three cents.

One year ago, September 7, 2000, the Federal debt stood at $5,680,707,239,455.93, five trillion, six hundred eighty billion, seven hundred thirty-nine million, four hundred fifty-five dollars and ninety-three cents.

Twenty-five years ago, September 7, 1976, the Federal debt stood at $265,934,000,000, six hundred twenty-five billion, nine hundred thirty-four million dollars and ninety-three cents.

The Federal debt of five trillion dollars is an important symbol of our national responsibility. It underlines the commitment of this country to a peaceful and prosperous future.

To Volunteers and Cadets: "Bravo Zulu"—Well Done!

IN RECOGNITION OF HAIFA FAHKOURI

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

Dr. Fakhouri clearly exemplifies "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 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 southeast Michigan. Under 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 Michigan community. I know that many Senate colleagues will join me in congratulating her on being named a Lady of Charity.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORY MUSEUM FOR SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, this month the History Museum for Springfield-Greene County will celebrate its 25th anniversary. It is an honor and a privilege to rise today on the floor of the United States Senate to recognize this institution's longevity and its role in preserving the history of Springfield and Greene County.

Some twenty-five years ago I was able to play a role in the founding of this museum while I was serving as Governor of Missouri. The Museum was then called the Bicentennial Historical Museum in honor of our Nation's 200th birthday. Over the years, the name has changed, but the purpose of the museum has remained the same, preserving the history and heritage of the city of Springfield and Greene County. History is our window to the past and helps us to remember just how far we have come as a nation and as a community. The museum contains permanent exhibits beginning with the earliest settlement in the region, continuing on through the Civil War, and into the twentieth century. The museum also changes exhibits throughout the year which examine other areas of Greene County's history.

The museum is a private, not-for-profit organization that is open to public at no charge. The museum is funded through private donations, memberships, grants, and gift shop sales. The staff, management, and volunteers who operate this facility are to be congratulated for their tireless efforts and innovation which make the museum an important part of the community. The museum is an invaluable tool for students and teachers to learn the historical significance of the area.