

I want to thank Mr. Sinclair for his contributions to the Davenport community. His initiative and compassionate concern for others is an example to us all that we should always be willing to help others, no matter what our age.●

#### DR. J. ROBERT SCHRIEFFER

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a distinguished Floridian, and noted scientist, Dr. J. Robert Schrieffer.

On May 31, 2001, Dr. Schrieffer will celebrate his 70th birthday, and I would like to join his many friends and colleagues in extending my best wishes on this special day.

Dr. Schrieffer is a graduate of Eustis High School in Florida, whose studies took him to the University of Illinois, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of California in Santa Barbara. In 1972, he won the Nobel Prize in Physics for his research on superconductivity.

We welcomed Dr. Schrieffer back to Florida in 1991 when he became the Chief Scientist of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory at Florida State University in Tallahassee. His dedication has meant that this laboratory has become one of the world's preeminent sites for high magnetic field research.

Dr. Schrieffer also serves as a University Eminent Scholar at Florida State. He received the National Medal of Science in 1984. He has been a member of the Council of the National Academy of Science since 1990. He served as President of the American Physical Society in 1996, and was the recipient of the prestigious Oliver E. Buckley Solid State Physics prize in 1968.

The State of Florida, and the Magnetic Laboratory, are fortunate to have Dr. Schrieffer's expertise and enthusiasm. I join Dr. Schrieffer's many friends and colleagues who will undoubtedly be wishing him all the best on May 31st of this year.●

#### RETIREMENT OF CAROL HURT

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise to make a few comments on the retirement of Carol Hurt and her 25 years of dedication to Missouri.

On June 1, 2001, Carol Hurt will retire from the State of Missouri. Her long and varied career has spanned more than 25 years, beginning at the Department of Revenue in 1976. Since then she has held the position of Assistant Director of Administration in the Attorney Generals office and Director of Administration in the State Auditors office. As Governor, I had the privilege to work with Carol Hurt when she was Office Manager for the Governor's office, as did my successor John Ashcroft.

Carol currently serves as a member of the Professional Advisory Board for

the Business and Public Administration department for the University of Missouri, the Missouri Institute of Public Administrators and the Association of Governmental Accountants. She has also served the community as a board member for the Greater Missouri Women's Leadership Foundation, Homemaker Health Care and Rotary International.

Carol will complete her distinguished career of dedication and service at the Missouri Department of Transportation where she is a Senior Human Resource Specialist.

I would like to thank Carol Hurt for her commitment to the state of Missouri and for all her hard work. I join with her family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating her on this outstanding accomplishment and wish her the best in all her future endeavors.●

#### DEPARTURE OF JAMES A. HARMON FROM THE U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

● Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the accomplishments of James A. Harmon, the outgoing Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. When Chairman Harmon steps down from this position on May 25, he will have served Ex-Im Bank for 4 years, one of the longest terms as Chairman in the Bank's history.

Chairman Harmon came to Ex-Im Bank in 1997 after a distinguished 38-year career as an investment banker in New York. He brought his wealth of private sector experience to Washington and immediately set about the task of enhancing Ex-Im Bank's ability to achieve its important mission, supporting U.S. jobs through exports.

One of the early challenges he had to face was the global financial crisis that hit Asia and other emerging markets in 1997-98. Recognizing the important role Ex-Im Bank could play in this crisis, Chairman Harmon directed the Bank to extend much needed credit to many of the impacted Asian nations to keep trade flowing between this region and the United States. Perhaps the most dramatic example was in South Korea, where Ex-Im Bank provided \$1 billion of short-term export credit insurance for South Korean banks that allowed South Korean businesses to purchase urgently needed raw materials and equipment from the United States. Ex-Im Bank supported more than 2,400 transactions in South Korea during this crucial period, compared to less than 60 the prior year. Ex-Im Bank also worked to shore up the struggling Asian markets by coordinating assistance for the region from the other major export credit agencies. Ex-Im Bank's aggressive response to the Asian financial crisis helped stabilize these economies and keep U.S. goods and services flowing to the region until

commercial financing was once again available.

Under Chairman Harmon's leadership, Ex-Im Bank forged into new markets in an effort to increase opportunities for U.S. exporters. I am particularly pleased to cite the Bank's expanded involvement in Africa. During Chairman Harmon's tenure, Ex-Im Bank unveiled new programs for facilitating U.S. exports to sub-Saharan Africa and expanded the number of countries in this region for which financing support is available. Notably, Chairman Harmon demonstrated his personal commitment to sub-Saharan Africa by traveling to the region three times, becoming the first Ex-Im Bank Chairman to visit southern Africa. The results of these efforts have been dramatic. Ex-Im Bank support for transactions in sub-Saharan Africa rose from \$50 million in 1998 to nearly \$1 billion in 2000. I know from my own visits to sub-Saharan Africa the vital importance of increased U.S. trade with the region and I commend Chairman Harmon for his efforts.

Ex-Im Bank also enhanced its presence in Russia and the New Independent States, developing innovative financing structures that allowed U.S. exporters to capitalize on the vast opportunities of this market. In June 2000, Ex-Im Bank launched a Southeast Europe Initiative to develop U.S. trade opportunities in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia and Romania, an initiative that can help foster the development of these emerging market economies as well as benefit U.S. exporters.

While working to support exports to new markets abroad, Chairman Harmon also pushed Ex-Im Bank to reach out to new groups of exporters here at home. During Chairman Harmon's tenure, Ex-Im Bank implemented program changes and marketing efforts aimed at expanding its support for women- and minority-owned businesses, two groups that have traditionally had difficulty accessing export financing. Chairman Harmon also made environmental exports a top priority, recognizing both the potential export opportunities for U.S. producers of environmental goods and services and the importance of promoting environmentally sound development. At the same time, Chairman Harmon championed the need for greater environmental responsibility in export financing, urging his G-7 and other major export credit agency counterparts to adopt uniform, meaningful environmental standards for the projects they finance.

Jim Harmon has worked tirelessly at Ex-Im Bank to create high-paying export-related jobs here at home by expanding opportunities for U.S. exporters abroad. I am pleased to welcome him back to New York after four years of distinguished service to Ex-Im Bank and the Nation.●