THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, July 11, 2001, the Federal debt stood at $5,769,374,137,960.57, five trillion, one hundred seventy-four billion, nine hundred seventy-four million, one hundred ninety-six dollars and fifty-seven cents.

Five years ago, July 11, 1996, the Federal debt stood at $5,152,640,000,000, five trillion, one hundred fifty-two billion, six hundred forty million.

Ten years ago, July 11, 1991, the Federal debt stood at $3,536,904,000,000, three trillion, five hundred thirty-six billion, nine hundred four million.

Fifteen years ago, July 11, 1986, the Federal debt stood at $2,068,672,000,000, two trillion, sixty-eight billion, six hundred sixty-eight million.

Sixty-five years ago, July 11, 1931, the Federal debt stood at $159,750,000,000, one hundred fifty-nine billion, seven hundred fifty million.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Les and Marilyn Gordon, owners of The Candlelite Inn in Bradford, NH, on being named as Inn of the Year by the Complete Guide to Bed & Breakfast Inns and Guesthouses in the United States, Canada and Worldwide.

The Gordon's purchased the Inn in 1993, and have successfully continued the tradition of accommodating the needs of discriminating travelers touring the Lake Sunapee Region.

Throughout the year The Candlelite Inn hosts special weeks for their guests to enjoy including: Currier & Ives Maple Sugar Weekend in March, Old Glory Heritage Tours in July, August and September, Foliage Midweek Getaways in September and October, and Murder Mystery Parties throughout the year.

I commend Les and Marilyn for the economic contributions they have made to the hospitality and tourism industries in our state. The citizens of Bradford, and New Hampshire, have benefitted from their dedication to quality and service at The Candlelite Inn. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY'S LIVING LEGENDS TOUR

- Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I am proud to take this opportunity to honor a very special place in Missouri. On Saturday, June 22nd, Independence, MO, the hometown of Harry S. Truman, was selected as an All-American City. The All-American City Competition is the Nation’s oldest award for civic accomplishment. The winning city "exemplifies the traditions of exemplary grass-roots problem solving."

A 51-member delegation of business interests, community leaders, and non-profit organizations came together to lend Independent support in the competition. While community partnerships are sprouting up in cities across America, Independence is in a league of its own. Under the leadership of Mayor Ron Stewart, Independence has achieved a real sense of unity and community. So many different entities with widely divergent interests were recognized for their ability to successfully work together when faced with civic challenges.

Independence’s winning presentation, appropriately themed “Together We Can,” highlighted recent citywide improvements such as cleaning up the historic Truman district, a sales tax approved by the community to repair streets and parks, and the William Chrisman High School program which involved youth in public service programs. Furthermore, even Independence’s physical presence at the competition was a united effort. Community groups worked together to raise funds to pay for the trip and prepare the presentation. This truly exceptional community certainly deserves its prestigious recognition as an All-American City.

Congratulations to Mayor Ron Stewart, participation coordinator Larry Kaufman, the delegation, and the residents of Independence. Your passionate work epitomizes the unlimited possibilities of cooperation. Thank you for making me proud to be a Missourian.

HONORING INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI AS AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY

- Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I am very pleased to welcome this delegation of business interests, community leaders, and non-profit organizations to Independence to pay tribute to the city's qualities of hard work, perseverance and dedication. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages...