

As the chief protocol staffer in the sergeant at arms office, Patty's responsibilities have included coordinating joint sessions of Congress, swearing-in ceremonies, serving many long hours as the Sergeant at Arms representative on the Joint Congressional Inaugural Committee, and the more somber occasions of state funerals. Patty also was responsible for making the protocol and security arrangements for the numerous visits to the Senate heads of states and other dignitaries from around the world.

In 1987, Patty played an important part in the making of Senate history, as she arranged and coordinated the transportation of the Senate delegation to Philadelphia to participate in a very special joint session of Congress that commemorated the bicentennial of the Constitution.

Mr. President, Patty has made substantial contributions to this institution and in the celebration of democracy. Today, we celebrate her contribution and wish her the very best in her new life with her family and friends, and we will envy the view from her home of the Nubble Light House.

THE STORYTELLER IN STONE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, this Saturday, May 3, marks the 50th anniversary of sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski's arrival in the Black Hills to accept the invitation of the Lakota to create a memorial to honor the great warrior and chieftain, Crazy Horse. Carving this great monument in the mountain became his life's work, and indeed, the life's work of generations of his family.

He was joined at Thunderhead Mountain by Ruth Ross on June 21, 1947, who is now a dear friend of mine. The two married 3 years later, and together they made a life raising their 10 children and slowly shaping the mountain into the form of Crazy Horse, sitting atop his steed with his arm outstretched toward the homelands of the Lakota. Its scale is difficult to comprehend. His face alone is so large that all four faces carved on Mount Rushmore could fit on its expanse. When it is finished, the sculpture will be taller than both the Washington Monument and the Great Pyramids. These figures are made all the more remarkable by the fact that all of the work at the memorial is privately financed, with no support from Government funds. Although Korczak died in 1982, Ruth and the children have proudly carried on with this vision.

No less remarkable is the extraordinary effort made by the Ziolkowski family to educate thousands about the lives of Crazy Horse and the Lakota people, and to improve the lives of Native Americans around the country. Through the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation, the family oversees a cultural and educational center offering college courses, a research library, the Indian Museum of North America and

educational outreach programs. In addition, the Crazy Horse Memorial Native American Scholarship Program has already awarded a total of \$175,000 in educational grants. Ultimately, the family hopes to fulfill Korczak's dream of opening a university and medical center on these grounds.

Korczak liked to call himself a "storyteller in stone," and believed that the monument was a noble offering to a man who led his people in battle at Little Bighorn and died before surrendering himself to a white man's prison. I commend Ruth and all the Ziolkowski family in their 50th year of fulfilling this vision.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, April 30, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,353,971,314,439.39. (Five trillion, three hundred fifty-three billion, nine hundred seventy-one million, three hundred fourteen thousand, four hundred thirty-nine dollars and thirty-nine cents)

Five years ago, April 30, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$3,891,974,000,000. (Three trillion, eight hundred ninety-one billion, nine hundred seventy-four million)

Ten years ago, April 30, 1987, the Federal debt stood at \$2,268,145,000,000. (Two trillion, two hundred sixty-eight billion, one hundred forty-five million)

Fifteen years ago, April 30, 1972, the Federal debt stood at \$1,065,660,000,000. (One trillion, sixty-five billion, six hundred sixty million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,288,311,314,439.39 (Four trillion, two hundred eighty-eight billion, three hundred eleven million, three hundred fourteen thousand, four hundred thirty-nine dollars and thirty-nine cents) during the past 15 years.

RETIREMENT OF PAUL KAMINSKI, UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, next week Dr. Paul Kaminski will step down after an extraordinary 3-year tenure as Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition. In this short period of time, Dr. Kaminski and his acquisition team at the Pentagon have made dramatic steps to turn our procurement culture around, making it more flexible, more creative, and smarter.

Under Dr. Kaminski's leadership, the Department of Defense has successfully implemented three major pieces of acquisition reform legislation: Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act, the Federal Acquisition Reform Act, and the Information Technology Management Reform Act. Those of us who worked hard to enact this legislation appreciate the energy that Dr. Kaminski and others have dedicated to putting it into practice.

But the turnaround in the procurement culture has required far more

than the implementation of new laws. Dr. Kaminski and his team have placed the Department of Defense at the forefront of acquisition reform by doing the hard work to revise and simplify thousands of military specifications, to implement streamlined management practices through integrated process teams and the single process initiative, and to make acquisition reform work where the rubber meets the road in tens of thousands of individual contracts awarded every year.

Under Dr. Kaminski's leadership, the Department of Defense has substantially reduced acquisition lead times, reduced the layers of redtape that have often burdened the acquisition system, accelerated the process of incorporating emerging commercial technologies into weapons systems, and simplified the small purchases through the use of the IMPAC credit card. Most impressive of all, Dr. Kaminski has achieved all of this while skillfully managing a steep reduction in the size of the acquisition work force—the career professionals who have borne the brunt of implementing the new acquisition system.

The Congress and the Nation owe Dr. Kaminski a debt of gratitude for his selfless service to the interests of the taxpayer and the national defense. I know my colleagues join me in wishing Paul all the best in the future.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 867. An act to promote the adoption of children in foster care.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1775. A communication from the Director of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Defense Commissary Agency; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1776. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the operations and maintenance budgets for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1777. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the F-22 aircraft program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1778. A communication from the Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to cross-servicing and acquisition actions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1779. A communication from the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the preservation