

streets and out of the hands of dangerous criminals.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Columbine tragedy, but still this Republican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read some of the names of those who lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

(These names come from a report prepared by the United States Conference of Mayors. The report includes data from 100 U.S. cities between April 20, 1999, and March 20, 2000. The 100 cities covered range in size from Chicago, Illinois, which has a population of more than 2.7 million to Bedford Heights, Ohio, with a population of about 11,800)

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Clarence Dorsey, 31, Oakland, CA
Daniel Estrada, 18, Houston, TX
James Holston, 32, Dallas, TX
Cesaley Howard, 25, Philadelphia, PA
Artis Ingram, 24, Seattle, WA
Larone Jackson, Pine Bluff, AR
Michael A. Jones, 25, Memphis, TN
Corwin Mathews, San Francisco, CA
Bennie McRae, 59, Miami-Dade County, FL
Cornelius McCurry, 19, Chicago, IL
Edwin Medina, 21, Miami-Dade County, FL
Bayardo Monterrey, 38, Miami-Dade County, FL
Rowland Patrick, 25, Nashville, TN
John Sandifer, 20, Chicago, IL
Patricia Whitfield, 50, Seattle, WA
Champagne Younger, 6, Seattle, WA
Unidentified male, 74, Bellingham, WA

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, June 7, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,645,678,929,300.91 (Five trillion, six hundred forty-five billion, six hundred seventy-eight million, nine hundred twenty-nine thousand, three hundred dollars and ninety-one cents).

One year ago, June 7, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,606,739,000,000 (Five trillion, six hundred six billion, seven hundred thirty-nine million).

Five years ago, June 7, 1995, the Federal debt stood at \$4,902,044,000,000 (Four trillion, nine hundred two billion, forty-four million).

Ten years ago, June 7, 1990, the Federal debt stood at \$3,124,978,000,000 (Three trillion, one hundred twenty-four billion, nine hundred seventy-eight million).

Fifteen years ago, June 7, 1985, the Federal debt stood at \$1,769,118,000,000 (One trillion, seven hundred sixty-nine billion, one hundred eighteen million) which reflects a debt increase of almost \$4 trillion—\$3,876,560,929,300.91 (Three trillion, eight hundred seventy-six billion, five hundred sixty million, nine hundred twenty-nine thousand, three hundred dollars and ninety-one cents) during the past 15 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

• Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I recently had the honor to serve as national co-chair, along with Senator Byron Dorgan, of the National Selection Committee for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. This wonderful program, sponsored in partnership by The Prudential Insurance Company of America and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes outstanding young volunteers at the state and national level. Two state winners, one high school student and one middle school student, receive a \$1,000 scholarship, a silver medallion, and a 4-day all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for themselves and their parents.

Chairing the National Selection Committee was both an eye-opening and a heart-warming experience. Reading about these young people's volunteer efforts, the remarkable sacrifices they made for the benefit of their communities, and the lessons they learned reaffirmed my faith in the generosity of the American spirit and in our future. I would like to commend Maine's two Spirit of Community award winners, Desirae Plourde of Fort Kent and Zachary Grove of Hampden, for being real American heroes.

Desirae, a senior at Fort Kent Community High School, has spent over 1,500 hours serving as a sign language interpreter for a hearing-impaired classmate who plays on her school's basketball, baseball, and soccer teams. Desirae, the only other student who knows sign language, attended a game one day and noticed how her friend struggled to understand her coach and fellow players, and how frustrated the team became when trying to communicate. She offered to interpret for him so that he could continue to play sports, and the school could benefit from his athletic talent. "I was inspired to help because I saw my friend was in need and how much he loved playing the game," Desirae said. "I share in his joy when he makes a great play and when the team wins."

Zachary, an eighth grader at Reeds Brook Middle School in Hampden, helped coordinate a campaign that collected 800 used books for needy children. Zach says he enjoys reading so much that he can't imagine not owning a book. When his class decided to plan

a service project, he pushed for a book drive. Zach and his fellow students wrote a plan and a time line, contacted school officials, designed promotional signs, and decorated book drop boxes. In the end, the drive yielded more than four times its original goal of 200 books. Zach and the group delivered the books to many area organizations including a local pediatric ward, and the local chapter of United Cerebral Palsy.

I am very proud of Maine's two honorees, Desirae and Zach, and congratulate them for answering the call of service and making a real difference in their communities.●

• Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I'd like to take a moment to tell you about some wonderful kids. Recently, two youth volunteers from each state, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, came to Washington, D.C. with their parents. They were being recognized at the Fifth Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for their outstanding acts of community service.

These kids are heroes. They set the example of selflessness and caring for others to follow and it was truly inspiring to hear their stories of service to the public and their communities. I was honored to serve as co-chair of the National Selection Committee along with Senator SUSAN COLLINS.

Ten students were chosen as National Honorees—five high school and five middle school students—and each received \$5,000, a gold medallion and a crystal trophy for their school. The ten honorees will also have a total of \$250,000 in toys and clothing dedicated to needy children in their names.

I'd especially like to congratulate the two volunteers chosen as finalists from my state of North Dakota: Jason Koth of Grand Forks and Scot Miller of Fargo.

Jason, a senior at Grand Forks Red River High School, wrote, produced and directed a play to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. It was called "The Sun in My Eyes" and he wrote this play in memory of his handicapped brother. Jason said, "I wanted to tell people to stop fighting over unimportant things and start opening their eyes to the beautiful people that surround them." His play raised over \$1,300 for the foundation and helped send a terminally ill child on his dream trip to Disney World.

Scot, a ninth grader at Discovery Junior High in Fargo, became involved in several volunteer projects to help his community. When he learned that the public library needed donations to complete its expansion plan, Scot led a recycling drive to raise money and created an ongoing recycling program in his neighborhood. He is also president of his school's Builder's Club, a student organization dedicated to promoting volunteer efforts within his community. During his summer months, Scot spends four hours a day volunteering as a junior recreation leader for the local parks department.