

on waiting lists for affordable child care, and much of what is available is of poor quality. Every day, parents face tough decisions about how their children will be cared for when they can't be with them.

Ten years ago, in response to the child care needs expressed by the community, Greenwich School Age Child Care was created by a small, dedicated group of parents who understood the importance of safe, high quality child care services. At that time, there were no available services for before- and after-school child care within the community's schools. Since that time, the effort has grown from one school-age child care program in North Mianus Elementary School, to programs in all 10 public elementary schools. All of these programs accept children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade, in most instances offer both before- and after-school programs, and are open for the entire school year. This enables working parents to leave their child at 7:30 a.m. and return up to 6:00 p.m., knowing that their child will receive healthy snacks and loving care in a stimulating environment right in the school.

I share the belief of Greenwich School Age Child Care that quality child care should be available to all low income and disadvantaged families who need it. Greenwich School Age Child Care is to be commended for their innovative efforts to make available quality child care affordable. The scholarship fund they established through the Board of Education, private donations, and CCDBG dollars is critical for low-income families who otherwise could not afford a safe and educational environment for their children.

I am proud to be a member of the Greenwich School Age Child Care advisory board. I cannot emphasize strongly enough that their investment in quality child care pays off many times over, in terms of both the employment productivity of parents and the safety and well-being of children. I congratulate Greenwich School Age Child Care on the huge success of their first ten years, and wish them continued, long lasting success in the years to come.●

CONSUMERS REAP THE BENEFITS OF OPEN COMPETITION

● Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, the economist Milton Friedman once wrote: 'Underlying most arguments against a free market is a lack of belief in freedom itself.' Demonstrating its belief in freedom the 104th Congress passed the pro-competition Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Hudson Institute has recently released a study of the cable industry since the new law has taken effect. The study has found what those of us that believe in a free market have always known: consumers reap the benefits of open competition. I submit it for the RECORD a copy of the executive sum-

mary for review. It is a pleasure to deliver further affirmation of the free market system.

The material follows:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY—THE ROLE OF COMPETITION AND REGULATION IN TODAY'S CABLE TV MARKET

In late 1997 and early 1998, concerns have been raised among regulators, members of Congress, and consumer groups regarding cable television rates. This study analyzes the rationale for new efforts by the FCC to limit rates or impose other regulations on the cable television industry in response to such concerns. It examines the historical record of cable regulation, takes a new look at the state of competition for multichannel video programming, reviews the important capital investment in new digital services by the industry, and assesses the possible impact of new price controls on competition in the wider telecommunications market, including Internet access, telephony, and video programming.

The study finds that, despite current market share of around 85.6 percent (falling to around 75 percent by 2002); dynamic services offered by Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS), broadcast television, and other multichannel video delivery systems provide substantial and growing competition for cable television. More than 65 percent of households can receive six or more broadcast channels with a suitable antenna. For many households, DBS offers greater levels of service at prices comparable to, or lower than, cable's. DBS appears to provide a good substitute for cable even after accounting for up-front equipment costs. Competing cable systems (overbuilds and Satellite Master Antenna TV) have become cost-effective and are growing rapidly, especially in the Midwest and Northeast.

The study also finds that past cable regulation, especially rate controls, provided little or no benefit to consumers, and in fact harmed consumers by inducing lower quality of service. On the other hand, periods of less regulation, such as the years between 1984 and 1990, stimulated production of greater quality and wider choice of programming for consumers, produced steady increases in demand for cable, and produced net consumer welfare gains of \$3 billion to \$6.5 billion per year.

Finally, the evidence shows that the cable industry is in the midst of investing up to \$28 billion to improve its infrastructure, including over \$1 billion per year to convert to interactive digital services. The entry of cable firms into new businesses such as telephony, Internet, and digital video is improving consumer choice and reducing prices for these services, especially to residential customers; spurring a competitive response from the telephone industry to upgrade its data transmission capabilities; and giving a boost to the introduction of digital television and to competition in the Internet business. An imposition of rate controls similar to those of 1993 and 1994 would undermine the financial basis for the cable industry to enter these new businesses in the near term, and hence weaken competition in the wider telecommunications market place.●

LUCILLE SMITH WATKINS

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to recognize an outstanding teacher, mentor, and West Virginian—Ms. Lucille Smith Watkins. For almost 50 years, Lucille has taught at Logan County Elementary School with unmatched enthu-

siasm. At 73, she is still fiercely committed to teaching and harbors no intention of quitting, saying "I like getting up and going to teach every day. The children seem to do real well. When I feel like I'm not helping them anymore, I'll retire."

Lucille credits her family for instilling an early appreciation and love for education—influenced by the sacrifices and efforts that they exerted in order to make higher education a possibility for herself and her six brothers and sisters. Her early love of education blossomed into a consuming lifelong passion of service to the school as she has often found herself cooking and buying groceries for the school along with teaching.

Her outstanding commitment to teaching hasn't gone unnoticed in the state. On May 5, she received the very first Lucille Smith Watkins Award, an award in her honor presented annually by her school to the county's outstanding educator. On May 8, she won the Mary L. Williams black educator award during a West Virginia Education Association conference in Charleston. Yet, these awards and honors cannot match her smiles and pride for the achievements of her students. Beaming with pride about her student's recent Young Writer's Award and her students' trophy for perfect attendance in her classroom, Lucille is a testament to her own love of teaching, and most importantly her love of her students.

There is no better way to make a profoundly lasting impact upon the future than through nurturing the mind of a young child. Lucille is a refreshing example of the strength and endurance of one woman's attempt to make a difference. Speaking for the citizens of West Virginia, I am proud to have such an outstanding woman in our state and challenge others to strive to affect and mold the lives of children as successfully as she has.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. HERMAN C. WRICE

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the outstanding drug and crime fighting efforts of Mr. Herman C. Wrice.

Mr. Wrice, once called the "John Wayne of Philadelphia" by President Bush, is one of today's most effective non-violent community activists. His grassroots approach to cracking down on drugs and crime has been successful in cities, towns, and Indian reservations across the country. Herman's career as a social activist began in the late 1960's after a personal tragedy; his wife, Jean, was caught in gang cross-fire at a local supermarket.

Mr. Wrice's organization, Turn Around America, unites ordinary citizens and police who are determined to take back their neighborhoods. They organize street marches and all-night vigils at identified drug houses to separate drug dealers from their customers.

This partnership depends on trust, cooperation, and mutual respect. Citizen efforts enhance, but do not replace, law enforcement efforts. I am pleased to say that Turn Around America has yielded impressive results. In neighborhoods where demonstrations have taken place, crack houses have closed. Children play in parks that were once littered with drug paraphernalia. The number of drug-related arrests have risen, several of which were directly linked to citizen involvement. Even veteran police officers have been inspired by Herman's anti-drug crusade.

Mr. Wrice's relentless efforts to fight crime and violence have received widespread attention. Villanova University honored him with an honorary doctorate degree for his activism. His programs have been described in many publications, including the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, Readers Digest, Policy Review, and Philadelphia Magazine. Mr. Wrice and his anti-crime program were even featured on 60 Minutes. This exposure led to requests for training from over 200 cities and towns across the country. In 1994, Herman was one of six activists to receive an America's Award for Courage during special ceremonies at the Kennedy Center. The following year, he was named a Join Together Fellow by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. On a local level, Herman has been a two-time recipient of the Mayor's Outstanding Citizen Award, and a three time honoree as the Junior Chamber's Outstanding Young Man of the Year. Finally, he has received the Freedom Foundation's Citizenship Award, the NAACP Unsung Hero's Award, and was named the Citizen Crime Commission's Crime Fighter of the Year.

Mr. President, Herman C. Wrice is a man with a purpose. He has dedicated his life to community service, and he has made a difference. He has worked to make the streets safe for neighborhood children, and he has raised 17 of his own—11 of whom were adopted. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Wrice and in extending the Senate's best wishes to his family.●

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO BULLS ON WINNING THE 1998 NBA CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. LUGAR. On behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 249 introduced earlier today by Senators MOSELEY-BRAUN and DURBIN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The resolution (S.Res. 249) to congratulate the Chicago Bulls on winning the 1998 National Basketball Association Championship.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

MS. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I would like to take a few min-

utes today to join the citizens of the city of Chicago and the entire state of Illinois, as well as Bulls fans around the world, in congratulating the Chicago Bulls for winning a sixth National Basketball Association championship. The Bulls defeated the Utah Jazz 87-86 in game six of the finals this past Sunday in Salt Lake City.

One of the true joys of my life over the last several years has been to watch Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Phil Jackson and the rest of the Bulls continually define excellence in team basketball. Considered by some to have been underdogs in this year's series against the Utah Jazz, the Bulls persevered and wrote yet another fantastic chapter in one of the greatest stories in professional sports.

Without a doubt, the Bulls' repeat-3peat would not have been possible without the star performance of Michael Jordan. His play throughout the season defined what it means to be a champion, and his 45 points and last-second winning shot on Sunday night ensured that his team remained champions. Once again, Michael Jordan has defined excellence. Once again, he has defined competitiveness and leadership. Once again, he and all of the Bulls have shown us that hard work, teamwork, talent and desire will produce victory.

Complementing Michael Jordan this year, as he has so skillfully done for each of the Bulls' championships, was forward Scottie Pippen. Despite being injured for much of the first half of the season and suffering with a severely strained back in game six, Scottie Pippen demonstrated through his outstanding offensive and defensive play that he too has the heart of a champion.

Mr. President, I would also like to recognize the flamboyant and talented play of Dennis Rodman. Like Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman has been a key reason for the Bulls' success. His harshest critics cannot take away his five NBA championships, two with the Detroit Pistons and three with the Bulls, or his seven consecutive NBA rebounding titles.

I would also like to highlight the accomplishments of Toni Kukoc, whose play often provided the boost to take the Bulls to victory. He was always there with a big shot when one was most needed. Ron Harper is another player who made many invaluable contributions during the Bulls' championship run. His defensive play throughout the playoffs shut down many of the league's best point guards.

Steve Kerr, Luc Longley, Randy Brown, Scott Burrell, Bill Wennington, Jud Buechler and Dickey Simpkins all played important roles in the Bulls' championship drive. Their contributions further demonstrated Phil Jackson's masterful coaching skills. His intelligent, deliberative and team-oriented approach to the game allowed his players to transcend the individual and operate as a unit.

Mr. President, I would also like to congratulate Jerry Reinsdorf and Jerry Krause for once again fielding an NBA championship team. This is an outstanding victory in which they can take great pride.

In congratulating the Bulls for winning a sixth NBA title in eight years, I also want to compliment the Utah Jazz for their spirited play and sportsmanship. This Jazz team gave the Bulls their toughest challenge in any of their six championships. Karl Malone and John Stockton are both certainly Hall of Fame players.

Mr. President, the state of Illinois can also take special pride in the accomplishments of the Utah Jazz because the coach of the Jazz, Jerry Sloan, is a product of our state. The McLeansboro native not only hails from Illinois, but also had a storied career with the Bulls. I would like to thank Jerry Sloan and his team for a thrilling finals series.

I have one last thought, Mr. President, and in expressing it, I believe that I speak for Bulls fans everywhere: Let there be seven!

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a spectacular team that has propelled itself into the upper echelon of basketball history, the Chicago Bulls. Add a new name to the history books of the National Basketball Association; the Boston Celtics of the 1960s, the Los Angeles Lakers of the 1980s, and undeniably, the Chicago Bulls of the 1990s.

On Sunday, as I watched Game Six with basketball fans and Bulls followers around the world, I was privileged to witness another incredible performance by Michael Jordan and the entire Bulls team. For the sixth time in eight years, in a victory for the ages, the Chicago Bulls are the champions of the National Basketball Association. It is with great honor, pleasure, and pride that I salute and congratulate the entire Chicago Bulls organization.

As a columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times noted, "We live in the right city at the right time." It is simple yet so true. No other team in any sport has been able to show the dominance and consistency that the Bulls have shown. The people of Chicago and Illinois have a special source of pride in the Chicago Bulls and especially in Michael Jordan. This wonderful championship and the five spectacular ones before it are all keepsakes in the hearts and minds of Chicagoans. I know personally that days, weeks, and years from now I will be recounting where I was when the Bulls achieved the "Six-Pack," and I will be doing it with great pride. My grandson Alex, who recently turned two years old, is not quite old enough to realize what the Bulls have accomplished. But make no mistake about it, in the years to come I know he will have a proud grandfather recounting the almost mythical tales of Michael Jordan and telling of the amazing dynasty that they created.