

But in the end, though costly, the market will compel us to change. The authors write: "Sometimes a standard will be chosen which later turns out to be wrong, (two-digit dates, narrow-gauge railways), but market forces keep the waste in check, and eventually the standard becomes wrong enough to be replaced."

What market forces and The Economist authors have failed to address, however, is the lagging response of the U.S. Government to this problem (a relative benchmark, as the United States is ahead of most countries). With just under 800 days left, we cannot have half of our agencies still assessing how many mission critical systems will be affected. This is but the first phase of three—renovation and testing/implementation are the other two. We need an outside body to ensure this problem is fixed. My bill, S. 22, will do just that.

The good news is that cover stories like that of The Economist will increase awareness, the bad news is that without mention of the status of the Federal Government, the probability of widespread failure will increase.●

#### TRIBUTE TO EILEEN FOLEY, MAYOR OF PORTSMOUTH.

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mayor Eileen Foley, a remarkable and dedicated leader from Portsmouth, NH. Mayor Foley, Portsmouth's favorite daughter, has announced her retirement from the office of mayor after serving 10 consecutive years. She has demonstrated tremendous leadership and guidance to a countless number of people. A special era of service and dedication has come to an end with Mayor Foley's retirement.

Mayor Foley, 79, has served the city in the top seat at various times for a total of more than 16 years. Her long history of city service began as a teenager, when she and her sisters helped their mother, Mary Carey Foley, in her mayoral campaign. The elder Foley served as the city's first woman mayor between 1945-47.

Eileen Foley continued the tradition by submersing herself in a career of dedicated public service, first in the Women's Army Corps in 1944 and later as State senator, Portsmouth City Counselor and School Board member. As mayor, she has served many terms, between 1968-72, again in 1984-85, and then again in 1988 until the present.

Mayor Foley, in her long years of public service, became identified with the very city of Portsmouth in the minds of local constituents, as well as government officials and business people far and wide. She has always acted as a kind of concerned and caring mother and goodwill ambassador, speaking at clambakes and ribbon cuttings, lending her support to civic, cultural, veterans, and charitable organizations, and representing the city around the State and at such distant

locations as Carrickfergus in Northern Ireland and Nichinon in Japan.

Over the years, Mayor Foley has been honored by many, including being named as 1 of the 10 most powerful women in the State by a statewide business magazine, as well as being honored with a lifetime achievement award by the Portsmouth Rotary.

Mayor Foley will continue to serve on appointed boards, be visible around town, and take an active interest in city affairs, for it is hard to leave the public eye after earning the respect and admiration of so many.

Certain people are made to serve the public. Mayor Foley is such a person, epitomizing the term public servant. Her service to the town of Portsmouth, NH, its people and to the State of New Hampshire is nothing short of appreciative and commendable. Mr. President, as a public servant myself I understand the amount of time, heart, and dedication required each and every day. Mayor Foley has served the public, not out of force, but out of love and compassion for the people, demonstrating immense heart and dedication. Mayor Foley will be missed as her public legacy comes to an end.●

#### ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY— 1997 LIBRARY OF THE YEAR

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Ann Arbor District Library for being chosen the 1997 national library of the year by the Library Journal. The Ann Arbor District Library is being recognized for providing innovative and comprehensive services to the public in a highly responsive manner. Some of the recent changes at the Ann Arbor District Library include investments in technology to provide an extensive CD-ROM collection and Internet and World Wide Web connections. Also of note is the library's award winning welcome to the library packet which is aimed at parents of at-risk children to encourage reading, education, and child safety. All of these innovations have resulted in a significant increase in the library's usage.

Standing alone, the library's technological innovations, public awareness campaigns and exemplary service would be reason enough to merit this prestigious award. However, what is even more remarkable about the Ann Arbor District Library is that all of these new changes took place during a time of tremendous transition. In 1994, the Ann Arbor District Library was still part of the Ann Arbor Public School System. That same year, voters in Michigan approved a state-wide tax restructuring proposal which had the effect of preventing the Ann Arbor District Library from renewing its tax levy under the school districts. In order to survive, the Ann Arbor District Library had to become its own public entity with its own governing board and its own millage. Not only did the library succeed at doing all of this

in only 2 years, but it also managed to institute all of those wonderful changes as well.

It took the exceptional talents of many dedicated library staff, trustees, and community members to institute new programs and services in a seamless manner to its patrons while simultaneously creating a new public entity from the ground up. In particular, I would like to recognize and congratulate the Ann Arbor District Library's administrative team which consists of the library's director, Mary Anne Hodel and her top deputies, Tim Grimes, Lana Straight, Don Dely, Gary Pollack, and Marge LaRose.

The Library Journal's selection of the Ann Arbor District Library as the 1997 library of the year is a fitting tribute to all of the hard work that went into establishing this library as an important, well utilized and well run public institution. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO CREATIVE OPTICS, INC.

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Creative Optics, Inc. in Bedford, NH, for receiving the Small Business Innovation Research [SBIR] Model of Excellence Tibbetts Award. Creative Optics is a 15-year-old, innovative think tank that develops ideas and solutions to complex problems facing the Department of Defense community.

Companies were selected based on the economic impact of their technological innovations and their overall business achievements. It is a competitive three-phase program that provides qualified small businesses with opportunities to propose innovative ideas to the Federal Government. These proposals are a response to solicitations published by the 10 Federal agencies on their upcoming research and development needs. There is a mutual benefit in that the Government secures the needed research, while the small business retains rights to commercialization. Creative Optics has made, and continues to make, a significant impact at the State and regional level.

After relocating to southern New Hampshire in 1991, Creative Optics developed a myriad of relationships with local organizations and business resources. Creative Optics is sharing its hard experience with other small businesses in the region, on the State level as well as the national level.

The president of Creative Optics, Dr. John F. Ebersole, and the owner Ingrid Ebersole, John's wife, have provided both technical vision along with an administrative personal touch to the company. Along with the Ebersole's vision and touch are the brilliant, creative minds of the individuals developing new, inventive ideas, allowing Creative Optics to shine.

Creative Optics is a unique small business in New Hampshire, providing high-level employment opportunities, economic growth, and an innovated