

Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and finally filed a Title IX complaint. After a year of club status and a year of "trial varsity" status, Duffy got her varsity team and became an All-American.

Duffy now coaches the Yale women's soccer team, which loses to UConn's nationally ranked program every year.

In the early 70s, most women were simply content to play sports for the first time. Whatever accompanied that new-found privilege—scholarships, practice uniforms, new equipment—was more than most expected. At Trinity, for instance, coach Robin Sheppard's field hockey team happily accepted castoff football jerseys as their first uniforms in 1974.

Originally, colleges and secondary schools were given six years, until 1978, to comply with the 1972 law, but progress was slow. Then, Title IX lost most of its punch in 1984, when the Supreme Court ruled that the law's protection extended only to programs directly receiving federal funding, not to the institution as a whole.

It wasn't until 1988 that the Civil Rights Restoration Act, spearheaded by then-U.S. Sen. Lowell P. Weicker Jr., R-Conn., and fellow Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., put the teeth back into Title IX.

An awakening Before this year, school officials would get their hands slapped for discriminating against women.

But this past February, the Supreme Court sent a strong message to schools who practice discrimination. For the first time, the justices agreed to permit a plaintiff to recover monetary damages in a Title IX case. A young woman from Georgia said she was forced into a sexual relationship by a male athletic coach and economics teacher while she was a high school student. A lower court had refused to allow her to seek damages.

Many believe this decision will encourage more women to file Title IX complaints.

"Now," said Donna Lopiano, executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation and a Southern Connecticut graduate, "all the major civil rights issues are at the beginning of a new cycle. People are trying again to get homosexual, racism, sexism issues on the table. I see that as a national trend."

To upgrade the women's program at Temple University in Philadelphia, athletes pursued a Title IX lawsuit through the courts for almost a decade. Female basketball players at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va., and the University of Oklahoma in Norman threatened lawsuits to keep their teams from being cut.

Like New Hampshire's Hyde, they took matters into their own hands. Still, women like Hyde remain in the minority.

"I had one athlete say the other night, 'Title 19, or whatever . . . It makes me sad,'" said Quinnipiac's Wooster. "Kids in this day and age expect these opportunities."

TRIBUTE TO COLLEGE BASKETBALL STAR, REBECCA LOBO

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Rebecca Lobo, who this year led the University of Connecticut women's basketball team to an undefeated season and a national championship. I have already spoken at length about the team's accomplishments—its 35 to 0 perfect record and its dramatic come-from-behind national championship victory. I want to take this opportunity, however, to focus on Rebecca Lobo, whose tremendous athletic skill and personal character have captured the imagination of people throughout the Nation.

Mr. President, contemporary writers, pundits, and philosophers have long bemoaned the absence of leadership figures worthy of our emulation and adoration. Young Americans are frustrated by athletic heroes who fail to lead exemplary lives off the playing field, politicians who seem focused solely on their re-election prospects or movie stars whose real-life personas pale in comparison to those of the characters they portray on screen. In Rebecca Lobo, however, America has found a role model that not only meets our expectations, but exceeds them.

Ms. Lobo's accomplishments on the basketball court are well known. On her way to leading the Huskies to an undefeated season and national championship, Lobo averaged 17 points, 10 rebounds, 3.5 blocked shots and 3.7 assists per game. She was named a first team All-American and the national player of the year, and, despite having to sit out much of the first half with three fouls, sparked the dramatic second half come-from-behind victory over Tennessee in the NCAA championship game.

Her accomplishments in the classroom are equally impressive. As a political science major, Ms. Lobo has maintained a 3.63-grade point average and was a nominee for the prestigious Rhodes scholarship. She was also named a first team Academic All-American both this season and last.

Yet what sets this talented young athlete apart is not just her athletic or academic accomplishments, but her care for and commitment to her teammates and her fans.

As Connecticut Head Coach, Geno Auriemma is quick to point out, Rebecca's greatest weakness as a player is that she is too unselfish and too unwilling to grab the spotlight. Foremost in her mind is her connection and responsibility to her team, a trait which is shared by all her fellow Huskies and which is undoubtedly the source of their great success.

Mr. President, beyond Rebecca Lobo's athletic and academic accomplishments lies her ability and willingness to reach out to her numerous fans and admirers. Along with her teammates, Rebecca made it a point to chat with fans and sign autographs for an hour after each game. Despite being overwhelmed by letters, she has devoted hours of her time to personally answering each and every piece of correspondence she has received, and she has been a regular at summer basketball camps and clinics, where she has patiently worked with aspiring basketball stars of all ages.

Mr. President, Rebecca Lobo has reminded people of what being an athlete, a student, and a human being is all about. She has struck a balance and a harmony between her goals and those of the people around her. In this day and age, when millionaire athletes defiantly proclaim on television commercials that they are not role models, Rebecca Lobo reminds us that being a

role model is not a blight but a privilege. It is a privilege for her to be afforded the opportunity to showcase her array of talents, and it is a privilege for us watch her and urge others to follow her lead.

In closing, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an article written by Ira Berkow that was printed in the New York Times be printed in the RECORD.

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UConn CAN COUNT ON LOBO

(By Ira Berkow)

MINNEAPOLIS.—Rebecca Lobo's parents hadn't spoken with her before the game, the game yesterday afternoon that would decide the N.C.A.A. women's national basketball championship between Connecticut and Tennessee.

"We rarely do talk with her beforehand," said her mother RuthAnn, in section 129 of the Target Center arena. "But we can guess how she's feeling: anxious."

A couple of hours later, with 28.9 seconds left in the game, RuthAnn and her husband, Dennis, were the obviously anxious ones, as they leaned forward in their seats. Becca, as they call her, was stepping to the free-throw line. It was perhaps the single most important moment in their daughter's brilliant athletic career—no, her brilliant college career.

After all, Rebecca Lobo, the 6-foot-4-inch senior forward with the French braid and the determined demeanor, the player who sparked a 70-64 victory in the championship game to complete an undefeated season, is Connecticut's basketball version of Frank Merriwell, Eleanor Roosevelt and Larry Bird all rolled into one. For the last two seasons, she has been first-team all-American. In her spare time, the political science major has been a candidate for a Rhodes scholarship.

She epitomizes the women's game, because for the most part the women are truly scholar-athletes, not just jocks majoring in eligibility with dreams only of slam-dunk highlights in the pros.

And she is part of a game that is substantially different from the men's game, one in which egos seem to meld into the concept of the team, and which makes the game so satisfying for a basketball fan.

And this moment on the free-throw line was what one dreams about, or sweats over. Lobo's Huskies were up by 3 points, 65-62. She has a one-and-one: if she makes the first she gets a second.

If she misses either, Tennessee is still in the game.

Now, Lobo bounces the ball and looks up at the rim.

It had been a long, long day for Lobo, a day in which she quickly picked up three fouls and played just eight of the 20 minutes in the first half, scoring just 3 points.

And when undefeated Connecticut went into the locker room at halftime, the team was losing by 38-32. It was only the second time this season that UConn was behind at the half, the first being last week in the East regional final, when it came back from a 7-point deficit to beat Virginia.

Could the Huskies do it again?

Lobo returned to the lineup for the start of the second half, though she still seemed away from the action, affected by her fouls. But her teammates were keeping the team in the game: Jen Rizzotti, the guard who was aptly described as being all ponytail and knee guards, stole a pass, hit a drive;

Jamelle Elliott, the junior from Washington's inner city whom Coach Geno Auriemma calls their rock, battled for rebounds and banked in a shot, and Nykesha Sales, the smooth but sometimes nervous freshman, hit a key 3-pointer.

Then Lobo struck, again and again: she hit a spin shot, threw in a drive, sank a jumper from the left side, and then another from the right side, and Connecticut was back in the ball game, 3 points off the lead, with seven minutes to go.

"When the game is on the line," said Pat Summitt, the Tennessee coach, "you naturally go to your all-American."

One recalled the time last year when Rebecca learned that her mother had breast cancer, and she broke down in tears. Her mother said, "You do what you have to do, and I'll take care of my end."

RuthAnn's cancer is in remission, and she never misses a game, because Becca says she always wants her there.

And so it seemed not unusual for Rebecca to be taking responsibility, on or off the court. RuthAnn remembers a significant moment, when Rebecca was 6 years old, and had taken an eraser from the home of Mrs. Lukasik, a neighbor in Southwick, Mass.

"I told Rebecca that the eraser wasn't hers, and she had to return it," RuthAnn said. "And I watched as she walked, sobbing, to Mrs. Lukasik's house. It broke my heart to see it, but I think it helped her understand right from wrong. And to think about other people."

If there was one criticism Coach Auriemma had of Lobo, it is that she has sometimes thought too much about other people. He had wished her at times to be more selfish, to shoot more. But the blend was there in this game.

And now on the free-throw line she had a chance to ice the proceedings. Lobo made her first free throw and with that her teammates on the floor mobbed her. RuthAnn, in section 129 and seated beside Dennis, clasped her hands in anticipation of the second free throw.

Rebecca bent, perched the ball near her ear, and let it go. It sailed right through the hoop, giving Connecticut the lead, at 67-62, that they would not relinquish.

Shortly after the victory, it was announced that Lobo had been named the outstanding player in the Final Four.

It was a hugely satisfying comeback for the Huskies, for a couple sitting in section 129 and for Becca Lobo. The fans cheered, the band blasted, and the team zealously cut down the nets.

As for Mrs. Lukasik, one imagines that she still has her eraser and the memory of a little girl who grew up to become a national champion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF FREDERICK BENSON OF BLOCK ISLAND, RI

Mr. CHAFFEE. Mr. President, it is my honor and privilege to pay tribute to Mr. Frederick Benson of Block Island, RI, in recognition of his one-hundredth birthday on April 14, 1995.

In the 92 years Fred has lived on Block Island, since arriving as an orphan in 1903, he has immersed himself in almost every level of community activity on this small, close-knit island. His impressive list of efforts on behalf of the community include service as the island civil defense director for 12 years, police commissioner, first cap-

tain of the local rescue squad, and president of the Chamber of Commerce five times. In recognition of his selfless devotion he was chosen as Block Island's Man of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in 1972.

But it is the children of this picturesque wind-swept island, 11 miles off the Rhode Island coast, that have benefited the most from Fred's unbounded generosity. After winning the lottery in 1976, Fred announced the money would go into a scholarship fund for worthy Block Island students. Since 1977, scores of Block Island High School graduates have been awarded Fred Benson scholarships.

Many Block Islanders have fond memories of Fred from their school days. Beginning as the island's high school baseball coach, Fred went on to teach auto shop, carpentry, machine repair, and driver instruction until he retired at the age of 69. His contributions to the youth of Block Island have extended to many generations, and the island is richer for it.

I commend Mr. Benson for his years of selfless community service and wish all the best to him and his many island friends. Mr. Benson is a truly remarkable man and a distinguished educator. I am proud to honor him on this joyous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA HANSON KILPATRICK

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the best teachers I ever had, Martha Kilpatrick. She taught me at Colbert County High School and has kept in touch over the years by attending my town meetings in Reform, AL, her hometown, and by sending me letters and news clippings from time to time. She is a dear friend to me, and I know she had a great deal to do with guiding me at an early age and pointing me in the right direction. Her wisdom, advice, and encouragement were helpful to me not only as a student long ago, but also throughout the several stages of my career.

It might surprise my colleagues to learn that I still have former teachers who are alive and well, but Martha is indeed among them. On April 25, she will turn 80, and Reform is planning a gala celebration of this milestone in her life, to take place on the 22d at the Methodist Church there. She will be surrounded by many friends and family members, each of whom have been influenced by Martha in special and unique ways.

Martha Hanson was born in Columbus, MS, and as a baby moved with her family to Carrollton, AL, where she spent her formative years. Her family later moved to Reform, where she graduated high school. That same year, she entered Alabama College at Montevallo, now the University of Montevallo, where she majored in education. Her entire career was spent as a teacher in Alabama and Georgia. Her husband, Wilbur Kilpatrick, was born

and raised in Reform, and although they lived in a variety of places during their married life, Reform was always home to them.

Martha continued her own education in Atlanta, earning her masters degree and teaching in that school system for many years. When their children, Kay and Joe, were grown, Martha and Wilbur retired and moved back to the quiet peace of their roots in Reform, where she remains today. She has three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Her home is a virtual museum of the things she has collected over the years—bottles, stamps, salt and pepper shakers, antique Christmas ornaments, pictures, linens, glassware, and books. Her husband has passed away, and Martha lives alone in the large, comfortable museum of her life. She stays busy doing things for others, as she has always done.

One of Martha's great characteristics is making and keeping friends. She is perhaps her local post office's best private customer, keeping an active correspondence with friends and family all over the world, including myself. She never forgets birthdays, anniversaries, special holidays, and her cards saying "Get well soon" or "With deepest sympathy" are always the first to arrive when a crisis hits.

Martha Hanson Kilpatrick has been one of the true treasures of my life and the lives of many others. I am proud to commend her on an outstanding life, one that has been lived out in the best American tradition, her nurturing of young minds, and her sincere love for family and friends, whom she counts as her most valuable collection of all. As she turns 80 later this month, I trust those many family members and friends will reflect on the outstanding qualities this extraordinary lady has exhibited throughout her life. We can all learn from her.

ALABAMA BUSINESS CONNECTIONS 1995

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, each year, the Alabama Minority Supplier Development Council holds a major event known as Alabama Business Connections. This year, it will be held in Birmingham June 27-29, when more than 5,000 individuals and businesses will be actively participating.

During Alabama Business Connections, suppliers and purchasing personnel from majority and government organizations network and exchange information in order to develop mutually-beneficial business opportunities. This important event also furthers the year-round efforts of the Alabama Minority Supplier Development Council. The council is dedicated to providing economic and educational opportunities for certified suppliers and corporate-government members.

I am proud to call the attention of my Senate colleagues to the vital work