

after just 3 years in Vermont, the Expos are champions.

This year, the Expos played with a never say die style. They came from behind regularly to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. In the championship series, the Expos came from behind to win in three of their four playoff victories. This never say die attitude not only made baseball extremely exciting in Vermont this summer, but helped the Expos develop a mystique that many teams take years to build.

The gritty style of play the Expos showed throughout the year reflects the attitude of their manager, Kevin Higgins, who had the responsibility of molding a team of rookies into a championship ball club. After the Expos beat the St. Catharines Stompers, 4 to 3, on Wednesday to win the championship, Higgins acknowledged that "these are the best fans in the league and I think they know it."

The workmanlike efforts of the Expos also reflect the hard work of their General Manager, Kyle Bostwick of St. Albans, and his predecessor, the late Tom Racine of Burlington. These two men were major factors in bringing a championship ball club to Burlington.

Never before have I seen a community become so attached to a team so quickly. Take John Douglas of Colchester, who housed Expos teammates Jamey Carroll and Shannon Swaino for the season. Douglas said he treats the two young men as if they were his own.

But the bond between the team and their fans goes beyond the cool summer nights at Centennial Field. It stretches into the very culture of our State. In Vermont, we take pride in our work ethic. We believe that hard work will be rewarded. In all my years of following professional sports, I have never seen a team that so typified the culture around them. I can honestly say this group of young ballplayers will never be forgotten.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Vermont Expos and their fans for winning the 1996 New York Penn League championship. Now there are two "Champs" in Vermont.●

ENTHRONEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP SPYRIDON

● Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, a new chapter commences in the life of the Greek Orthodox Church of America this Saturday with the enthronement in New York of new Archbishop Spyridon at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City. Archbishop Spyridon, the first American-born hierarch to hold this position, assumes this important responsibility at a time when the Orthodox Church in America faces great challenges and opportunities. All Americans of Greek Orthodox faith have great hope that this new spiritual leader will continue the Greek Orthodox Church's positive role in the religious life of our country.

In pursuing this mission, the new Archbishop will build on a firm foundation established by his predecessors—Archbishop Iakovos, who did so much to advance Orthodoxy in the Americas, Archbishop Michael, and the late Patriarch Athenagoras, who led the church during its early and difficult period in America.

Archbishop Spyridon was born in Warren, OH, the son of Clara and the late Dr. Constantine Papageorge, and spent most of his youth in Tarpon Springs, FL where, as a teenager, he divided his summers between Florida and the Island of Rhodes, the home of his father. The Archbishop graduated high school in Tarpon Springs and then enrolled in the Theological School of Halki near Istanbul, Turkey, where he was graduated with honors. He pursued graduate studies in Switzerland and Germany and is fluent in English, French, Greek, German, and Italian. He eventually was assigned to the permanent delegation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, and later served as Secretary of the Orthodox Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate located in Chambesy, Switzerland. In 1976 he was assigned to duties as Dean of the Greek Orthodox community of St. Andrew's in Rome and later assumed added responsibilities as Orthodox Executive Secretary of the International Joint Commission for Theological Dialogue Between the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches. He was elected a Bishop on November 5, 1985; and in 1991 he became the first person ever elevated to Metropolitan of Venice, Italy.

The new Archbishop's responsibility includes serving as the direct representative in the United States of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, the spiritual center of world Orthodox Christianity. His personal and ecclesiastical experience combine a rich grounding in Orthodox spirituality, a meaningful involvement in interfaith-ecumenical activities, and an understanding of the American tradition of religious freedom and separation of church and state.

I join with Orthodox throughout our country and all Americans of good faith who wish His Eminence a long life, a productive ministry, and the strength and wisdom to meet the many challenges which await him.●

SWISS AGREEMENT TO INVESTIGATE JEWISH FUNDS IN SWISS BANKS

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss the recent agreement of the Swiss to investigate the issue of Jewish money, as well as looted assets that were deposited in Swiss banks before and during the war.

The Swiss, in responding to overwhelming international pressure have agreed to yet another commission to investigate the issue. I must state that we have heard this before. We were told

at the end of the WWII that the Swiss would look for Jewish assets and they responded by saying that they found nothing. Yet in 1949, the Swiss concluded an agreement with the Polish Government to turn over the assets of heirless, largely meaning Jewish assets. The problem was that they made this agreement with the Communist-run Polish Government and not the Jewish people to whom the assets belonged. According to their own sources, the Swiss had no laws on the books providing for this. Nevertheless, they did the same thing the following year with the Communist-run Hungarian and Czech Governments. While saying all along they had no Jewish assets in Switzerland, the Swiss nevertheless found enough to conclude agreements with other governments to turn over funds that did not belong to them. Clearly they have not been forthcoming with the world.

The Swiss again investigated the subject in the early 1960's. Again, they found money, some \$2 million. Yet, all along there were public statements to the effect that little money would be found.

In 1995, another search was made and some \$32 million in dormant accounts were found. Again, Swiss banks and Swiss Government officials said this proves that there was not a lot of money left over.

One must ask oneself, however, if the Swiss keep saying that there is no Jewish money in Switzerland from the 1930's and 1940's, why then do they keep finding money? Clearly the answer must be that they are in fact sitting on great sums of money and are letting it come out in drips and drabs, only in response to immense international pressure. They seem to think that they can outlast us. Well, they are wrong.

They can create commission after commission to study the issue, but the only way to solve the issue once and for all is to open their books, entirely, and put this all to rest. Stonewalling will not work, we understand what they are trying to do. Enough is enough. Open the books now.●

REV STEVEN D. RILEY

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a distinguished Michigan citizen, Rev. Steven D. Riley, who celebrates his 15th year as Pastor of Christ Temple Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, MI.

Reverend Riley was born and educated in Michigan, and is the only child of Geraldine Riley. He was baptized into the Christian faith in 1967, ordained a Minister of the Baptist Church on March 17, 1974, and installed as Pastor of Christ Temple Baptist Church on January 25, 1981. Reverend Riley has traveled across the country conducting numerous preaching revivals in his service to the Christian faith. He has also served the Ypsilanti community at hundreds of weddings and funerals. Reverend Riley's public service

also extends to affiliations with the NAACP, the Fraternal Order of Police, and Operation PUSH.

Rev. Steven D. Riley has devoted his life to his community and the betterment of humankind, and in doing so has become a role model for us all. I know that my Senate colleagues join me in honoring Reverend Riley on his 15 years of outstanding service at Christ Temple Baptist Church. •

WILMINGTON BLUE ROCKS WIN CAROLINA LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, last Wednesday evening, with a 6-4, 11th-inning victory over the Kinston Indians, the Wilmington Blue Rocks captured the Carolina League championship for the second time in their 4-year history. I would like to take this opportunity to join all Delawareans in congratulating Manager John Mizerock, his players and coaches, and the entire Blue Rocks' organization for their outstanding season, and—again on behalf of all Delawareans—I'd like to thank them for providing us with yet another summer of enjoyable family entertainment.

For 40 years, up until the spring of 1993, Wilmington was without professional baseball until our late Mayor Dan Frawley, former State Representative Steve Taylor, and dozens of other public officials, businesspersons, and community leaders made a commitment to build a stadium and lure a minor league franchise to the city. Now, "The Boys of Summer" have returned each spring, averaging more than 300,000 fans annually as the Blue Rocks have captured the Northern Division title in each of their 4 years, winning the League Championship in 1994 and again this year.

But for all of their success on the field, the Blue Rocks' real contribution has been the sense of community pride which they have brought to the Wilmington area. The people of Wilmington have welcomed these young men from around the country and from as far away as Latin America into their homes and their hearts, and in droves have brought their families out to Frawley Stadium on spring and summer afternoons and evenings to share a few hours of family fun watching their boys in action. In return, the Blue Rocks players and management have involved themselves in the community, visiting schools and conducting baseball clinics, providing our youngsters with fine role models. What's more, the construction of Frawley Stadium and the activity at the stadium has led to the revitalization of an old neighborhood, with the South Madison Street corridor becoming a prime location for restaurants and community events.

Matt Minker and his partners, including my good friends Frank and Fran Long, have given the club ownership with a local flavor, ensuring that the franchise is more than just a business, but an integral part of commu-

nity life in Wilmington. Ken Shepard, the vice president of baseball operations, and his fine staff have run a first-rate operation where excellent baseball is played in a stadium that is fan-friendly—and especially kid-friendly—and always immaculately clean. A friend of mine remembers hearing Ken Shepard tell his staff just minutes after the Blue Rocks concluded their championship season of 1994, that even though there wouldn't be another game for more than 6 months, he wanted the stadium cleaned up "as if there was going to be a game here tomorrow night"—and it was. That commitment to excellence has led to national recognition of the Wilmington Blue Rocks' as one of the premier minor-league organizations in the Nation.

Blue Rocks' fans will remember another season of first-rate baseball on the diamond at Frawley Stadium; the dramatic win last Wednesday night on Matt Smith's 11th-inning home run; Sean McNally's ninth-inning scamper around the bases to score all the way from first-base on Michael Evans' hit to right-center field clinching the Northern Division title on Labor Day night; Jimmy Byington playing all nine positions in a single game in June; and countless other late-inning rallies, dramatic home runs, and superb pitching performances.

But they've taken home a lot of other memories this summer as well. Memories of clear blue-sky afternoons when the yard work took a back seat to a couple of hours with the kids in the sun at Frawley Stadium; and of summer evenings with the sun setting beyond the stands down the left-field line as a crowd of 5 or 6,000 stood and cheered as the Blue Rocks' pitcher fired a strike to open the game. There'll be memories of legions of kids trailing along behind Rocky Bluewinkle, the blue moose who is the team's mascot; and memories of the mad scrambles to catch the souvenir frisbees that Rocky threw into the stands; of the hilarious Dizzy Bat Races which every evening left several volunteers from the audience sprawled on the green grass, disoriented, and having the time of their lives; and of The Macarena dance at the end of the fifth inning and thousands of fans moving in unison to "YMCA" during the seventh-inning stretch each evening.

Nor will fans forget some of the characters who highlighted their afternoons and evenings at our "Field of Dreams"; Blue Rocks employee Chris "The Dancing Machine" Parise standing on the third-base dugout and leading the fans in "The Chicken Dance"; stadium organist Mike Mixon playing "McNamara's Band" whenever third-baseman Sean McNally came to bat; Jimmy, the soft-pretzel vendor in the stands whose energy and charisma probably doubled the sale of soft pretzels at the stadium; the "Balloon Man" enchanting the younger children with hats and animals made out of balloons; and countless other players, employ-

ees, and fans who made each trip to the ballpark a memorable one.

For most fans, however, the Blue Rocks memories of summer 1996 will revolve around the family and friends who shared those good times with them. It is the sharing of good times like that that binds families and friends together, and as we congratulate the Blue Rocks on their Carolina League championship, we thank them for allowing us to share their success with one another. •

"COUNTDOWN TO A MELTDOWN"

• Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, this past Sunday, September 15, 1996, the Outlook section of the Washington Post contained an excellent article, "Countdown to a Meltdown," by Lanny J. Davis, an attorney with the firm of Patton Boggs, L.L.P. The article concerns the Y2K problem, as the computer literate refer to it. What happens to the internal clocks and software of the Nation's—indeed, the world's—government, business, and personal computers at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2000, when they need date code space for four digits, rather than two? Will the computers crash? Will they assume the year is 1900? Mr. Davis quotes one industry expert as calling the Y2K defect "the most devastating virus ever to infect the world's business and information technology systems." Estimates of the cost of fixing this defect range as high as \$75 billion—if we act expeditiously. The longer we delay, the more costly the solution.

On July 31, I wrote to the President concerning this problem. I offered the following suggestion:

A presidential aide should be appointed to take responsibility for assuring that all Federal agencies including the military be Y2K date compliant by January 1, 1999 and that all commercial and industrial firms doing business with the Federal government also be compliant by that date. I am advised that the Pentagon is further ahead on the curve here than any of the Federal agencies. You may wish to turn to the military to take command of dealing with the problem.

A general—given the national security implications—to take charge, to determine what the Federal government must do to respond to this looming menace, and how it ought to go about doing it. I put a copy of this letter, along with the summary of a Congressional Research Service (CRS) report I requested on the subject, in the September 5 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

I will introduce legislation shortly to establish a commission to investigate the problem and suggest remedies. There is not much time left to resolve it. The consequences of procrastination, as the attached article indicates, are grave indeed.

I ask that the article, "Countdown to a Meltdown," appear in the RECORD at this point.

The article follows: