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RENAMING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, on behalf of the Senate majority leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 20, introduced earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 20) renaming the Committee on Labor and Human Resources the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

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

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

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 20) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 20

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Labor and Human Resources is hereby redesignated as the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS FOOTBALL TEAM ON NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 21, submitted earlier today by Senators FRIST and THOMPSON.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 21) congratulating the University of Tennessee Volunteers Football Team on winning the 1998 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-A football 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.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I rise to acknowledge another NCAA National Championship for the University of Tennessee. Last year, I had the opportunity to congratulate the Tennessee Lady Vols on

their third straight national women's basketball title, but just two weeks ago, the University of Tennessee Volunteer football team defeated the Seminoles of Florida State University in the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona to become the undisputed champions of college football.

It was a perfect ending to a perfect season; a season of thirteen wins and zero losses; a season in which this national championship team pulled together to overcome tremendous adversity, including the loss of key starters to the National Football League, the loss of a Heisman Trophy candidate to a season-ending injury, and arguably the most challenging schedule in collegiate football, to attain the national title.

Today, along with my fellow Volunteer fan, Senator THOMPSON, I introduce this sense-of-the-Senate resolution recognizing the University of Tennessee Volunteers for their commitment to excellence, for their dedication, for their selflessness, and for their sportsmanship throughout the 1998 football season.

Mr. President, I, along with my fellow Tennesseans, watched with pride as the Volunteers marched their way through the 1998 football season setting numerous school records, Southeastern Conference records, and NCAA records. For players, coaches, and fans, it was indeed a remarkable season full of excitement, anxiety, and joy. From Jeff Hall's last-second field goal in the opening game to defeat Syracuse to Peerless Price's spectacular touchdown receptions against Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl, the Vols proved again and again that they can deliver in the clutch in a manner befitting a champion.

Throughout the year, the Volunteers functioned as a cohesive unit, rather than relying on only a few star players. Tennessee Coach Phillip Fulmer, the winningest active coach in college football, put it best when he said, "It's been an unbelievable effort. \* \* \* It's amazing what you can accomplish when no one cares who gets the credit." Truly a testament to the selflessness and determination of this national championship team.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the team, Coach Fulmer, his assistant coaches, and the outstanding faculty and staff of the University of Tennessee, all of whom contributed to this championship season. Finally, I would like to recognize the most important group, the group in which I am honored to be included, the Tennessee Volunteer fans.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the outstanding accomplishment of the University of Tennessee Volunteers in capturing the national collegiate football championship. And I ask my colleagues to join me in formally congratulating the Tennessee Vols.

On January 4th, I joined fellow Tennesseans across the country in watch-

ing with pride as the University of Tennessee Volunteers defeated Florida State Seminoles (23-16) and were crowned national champions for the first time since 1951. I should also point out that this is the second national championship that has come to the Tennessee Campus during this past year. The Lady Vols won the collegiate women's basketball crown and today stand at the top of the A.P. poll for the 1998-99 season with 40 of 41 first place votes.

Tennessee has the fourth-winningest program in major college football this decade and has won back-to-back Southeastern Conference (SEC) championships. This year's Fiesta Bowl marked their tenth consecutive bowl appearance. The Vols finished 13 and 0 and ranked number one in the nation after winning the Bowl Championship Series title game.

Mr. President, many of my colleagues had their own home-state favorites and I congratulate them on their seasons as well. But Mr. President back home in Tennessee, we are very, very proud of the Vols. We're proud of coach Phillip Fulmer and his staff. We're proud of the scholar-athletes. We're proud of the parents and the friends and the faculty who support them and out-numbered Florida State fans at the Fiesta Bowl by more than three to one.

This is just about as flawless a season of athletic performance as you're ever going to see, and we're fortunate in Tennessee to have this tremendous program and these gifted, talented young people. This is a team which started the year with a new quarterback and then lost its top running back four games into the season. They came together and it seemed that each game produced a different hero and somebody was always there to make a big play at a crucial moment.

Five different Vols earned SEC Player of the Week honors this season. Quarterback Tee Martin was named Offensive Player of the Week after completing an NCAA record 23-of-24 passes for 315 yards against South Carolina and setting a single-game record for completion percentage at 95.8. Receiver Peerless Price snagged Offensive Player of the Week when he caught a pass for a career-high 181 yards and one score in a win over Mississippi State.

And on defense, linebacker Al Wilson broke records by forcing three fumbles against Florida. Defensive end Shaun Ellis returned an interception 90 yards for a touchdown against Auburn, and defensive back Deon Grant stole the spotlight with a key interception in a game against Georgia. All three were named SEC Defensive Player of the Week for their individual achievements.

Mr. President, I would especially like to acknowledge the tremendous coaching job of Phillip Fulmer, who played offensive guard for Tennessee from 1969 to 1971, and who has led the team for seven winning seasons. Coach Fulmer

has the highest winning percentage of any Tennessee coach, and is the winningest active coach in the country.

So today, I congratulate them. With that kind of coaching, talent and an ability to work powerfully as a team, it's not hard to see why the Tennessee Vols have come so far this season.

Mr. President, I know many of my colleagues have experienced this kind of excitement and pride with teams from their own states. And I know they appreciate just how proud we are in Tennessee to get bragging rights for this season.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that statements regarding the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 21) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 21

Whereas the University of Tennessee Volunteers football team (referred to in this resolution as the "Tennessee Volunteers") defeated the Florida State University Seminoles on January 4, 1999, at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona, to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-A football championship;

Whereas the Tennessee Volunteers completed the 1998 football season with a perfect record of 13 wins and 0 losses;

Whereas the Tennessee Volunteers defeated the Mississippi State University Bulldogs to claim the 1998 Southeastern Conference football championship;

Whereas the Tennessee Volunteers' Coach Phillip Fulmer, his staff, and his players displayed outstanding dedication, teamwork, selflessness, and sportsmanship throughout the course of the season to achieve collegiate football's highest honor; and

Whereas the Tennessee Volunteers have brought pride and honor to Tennessee: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Tennessee Volunteers football team on winning the 1998 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-A football championship; and

(2) commends the University of Tennessee Volunteers football team for its pursuit of athletic excellence and its outstanding accomplishment in collegiate football in winning the championship.

ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that today's RECORD remain open until 6 p.m. for the introduction of bills and statements.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

JOINT SESSION OF THE TWO HOUSES—ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I ask unanimous consent that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m. this evening, Tuesday, January 19, 1999.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMERICA AT A MORAL CROSSROADS

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I have sent to the desk a slate of legislation that addresses a number of our Nation's most pressing social problems. I have introduced a great many of these bills in prior Congressional sessions and Senators who have been around for a while will find these proposals familiar.

Nonetheless, I shall devote a few minutes to explain the importance of these bills and why it is so crucial to address permissive social policies that are creating a moral and spiritual crisis in our country.

I am delighted, Mr. President, that our Nation's economy has grown and prospered for the last two years—helped along, not incidentally, by the responsible fiscal policies insisted upon by the Republican Congress. But the good news on the financial pages is too often overshadowed by utterly horrifying stories elsewhere, stories which detail a moral sickness at the heart of our culture, stories which chronicle the devaluation of human life in our society, symbolized by the tragic 1973 Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*.

The most notorious of these appalling stories was the episode involving a young New Jersey woman who in May of 1997 gave birth to an infant in a public bathroom stall during her senior prom. She then strangled her newborn baby boy, placed the body in a trash can, adjusted her makeup, and returned to the dance floor.

Mr. President, this chilling tale cries out that something is badly wrong in the culture that produced it. The American people were justifiably stunned by the furor surrounding this crime—and they are surely even more shocked to learn that this is not an isolated incident.

Consider this: In November of 1997, in Tucson, Arizona, a 15-year-old boy found a newborn in a 3-pound coffee can. After an investigation, police arrested the boy's sister, then 19 years of age. She had given birth to the baby and promptly drowned it in the toilet, covered its little head with a plastic ice cream wrapper, wrapped the body in a flannel shirt and hidden it. She said she had intended to bury it later.

Despite these largely uncontested facts, an Arizona jury—browbeaten into submission by a defense team suggesting that its client was in fact the victim of a strict Catholic upbringing—returned a guilty verdict only on a charge of negligent homicide, the least severe conviction applicable. This woman, who had murdered her own baby, received a sentence of one year, and during her prison term, she will be released during daytime hours on a work furlough program.

This is the tip of the iceberg, Mr. President. National Public Radio recently reported that the bodies of about 250 newborns are callously discarded each year. In some of these cases the babies were stillborn, but in others, the newborns were murdered.

Lest anyone think I am exaggerating, pick up almost any newspaper in America, and a distressing story is likely to be found. For example:

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, August 12, 1997: Teenage Mother Admits Slaying: Newborn was Found Dead in Gym Bag in Garage of Home

The Record, Northern New Jersey, December 24, 1997: 12 Years for Mom Who Killed Baby: Newborn Tossed From Window

Associated Press, Atlantic City, New Jersey, July 14, 1997: Baby Born in Toilet Stall, Left in Atlantic City Bus Terminal

St. Petersburg Times, December 20, 1997: Girl Charged who Left Baby in Trash

Dallas Morning News, October 29, 1997: Teen Jailed in Baby's Death Hid Pregnancy, Parents say Newborn Boy Was Found Suffocated in Garbage Bag

Should we really be surprised, Mr. President, that a Nation that not only tolerates, but actively defends the practice of partial birth abortion would produce these gruesome headlines? And the extraordinary level of disrespect for human life to which America has fallen isn't limited to the horrible practice of neonaticide on the part of young mothers. It pervades every part of our society.

In Pennsylvania, two teenagers were stabbed during a showing of a so-called "horror movie" that itself featured two characters being brutally stabbed to death watching a horror film. In Oregon, much of the Nation watched in disbelief as news reports described the case of a young man who, after killing his parents, walked into a crowded school cafeteria and opened fire on his fellow students.

No one Act of Congress or court decision is solely responsible for these tragedies, of course. But can it be denied that the decline in moral values in American culture helped set the stage for these notorious crimes? The American people believe this is true. Last year, CBS and CNN/Time both conducted polls indicating more Americans believe that a lack of moral values was the most important problem facing the United States—more important than crime, more important than