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The amendment (No. 2914) was agreed to.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senators ABRAHAM and LEVIN be recognized as in morning business for up to 10 minutes to discuss a resolution relating to the NCAA tournament and that that time be counted towards the remaining time on the budget.

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

The Senator from Michigan.

Mr. DOMENICI. Before the Senator proceeds, on the next amendment, Senator BINGAMAN's amendment, I ask unanimous consent that the last 2 minutes we have on our hour be reserved out of our overall time on that amendment.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The Senator from Michigan.

CONGRATULATING MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 281 submitted earlier by Senator LEVIN and myself.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 281) to congratulate the Michigan State University Men's Basketball Team on winning the 2000 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Basketball Championship.

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

Mr. ABRAHAM. 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 any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 281) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 281

Whereas the Michigan State Spartans were Big Ten Conference regular season co-champions, and were winners of the Big Ten Conference Tournament, and, with a 26-7 record, earned a number one seed in the Midwest region of the 1999-2000 N.C.A.A. Tournament;

Whereas the Michigan State Spartans proved their dominance over the Midwest Region in reaching the Final Four, defeating Valparaiso 65-38, Utah 73-61, Syracuse 75-58, and Iowa State 75-64;

Whereas in winning the Midwest Region the Michigan State Spartans reached the Men's Final Four for the second year in a row, last year losing to the Duke University Blue Devils in the semifinals;

Whereas the Michigan State Spartans vowed after that loss to return to the Final Four in 1999-2000, and to settle for nothing less than the ultimate prize;

Whereas the Michigan State Spartans moved one step closer to their goal when they defeated the University of Wisconsin Badgers 53-41 for the fourth time of the 1999-2000 season to reach the championship game;

Whereas in that game, the Michigan State Spartans, with an entire team effort that demonstrated why college athletics are so special, defeated the University of Florida Gators 89-76 on April 3, 2000, and won the N.C.A.A. Men's Basketball Championship for the second time in the history of the program;

Whereas Coach Tom Izzo, who hails from Iron Mountain, Michigan, in only his fifth year coaching the team, has proven himself to be one of the finest coaches in Men's College Basketball, and he and his staff instilled into the Spartans a will to win second to none, exemplified by their cutthroat defense, which suffocated many potent offenses throughout the season, and particularly in the second half of N.C.A.A. Tournament games;

Whereas Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson, and A.J. Granger, three seniors who have been playing together for four years and who ended their collegiate careers with a win, spurred this team to victory throughout the year, Mr. Cleaves with his incredible leadership, Mr. Peterson with his clutch shooting, and Mr. Granger with his consistent long marksmanship;

Whereas Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson, and Charlie Bell, three individuals who hail from Flint, Michigan, and have thus been given the nickname "The Flintstones," have been playing together since elementary school, and whose comradeship and loyalty to one another carried out onto the floor, and made the Spartans team a family off the floor as well;

Whereas Mateen Cleaves, the fearless captain of the team and the all-time assist leader in the Big Ten's history, who led not only with words but also with the example he set, who returned to the championship game after sustaining a high ankle sprain to his right leg, led his team to the title and, like a true champion, made good on his word;

Whereas Morris Peterson, named the Big Ten Conference Player of the Year, saved the Michigan State Spartans from the clutches of defeat many times this season, and particularly in the tournament, with his laser-like shooting and stingy defense;

Whereas Charlie Bell, perhaps the best rebounding guard in the nation, also led the team with his quickness, tireless defense effort, and athleticism, and who will be counted upon for his leadership next year;

Whereas A.J. Granger, displayed his awesome variety of offensive skills in both as-

sisting on, and hitting, several big shots when the Spartans needed them most;

Whereas Andre Hutson, the man in the middle, who was often called on to shut down the opposing team's top player, particularly in the 1999-2000 tournament, handled his job with a workmanlike skill that defined professionalism, and in doing so provided the Spartans with the whole package the entire year;

Whereas Mike Chappell, Jason Richardson, and Aloysius Anagnonye, provided the Spartans with quality minutes off the bench all year, and particularly in the championship game, where they held their own against the vaunted Florida bench;

Whereas David Thomas and Adam Ballinger, provided valuable contributions throughout the season and the tournament, both on and off the court, often providing the Spartans with the lift they needed; and

Whereas the contributions of Steve Cherry, Mat Ishbia and Brandon Smith, both on the court and in practice, demonstrated the total devotion of the Spartans players to the team concept that made the Spartans into the most dominating college basketball team of the new millennium: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate congratulates the Michigan State University Men's Basketball Team on winning the 1999-2000 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Basketball Championship.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I will speak briefly about the resolution. I know my colleague, Senator LEVIN, will as well.

We rise together today to offer this resolution and to congratulate the Michigan State University Spartans men's basketball team for their outstanding victory in the NCAA championships which took place Monday night.

As a graduate of Michigan State, I am proud of the skill and dedication shown by our Spartans as they defeated the Florida Gators by a score of 89-76.

This was a well-earned victory and the culmination of a splendid season. Their 32-7 record is a sign of hard practice, teamwork and an overwhelming desire to excel.

It also is the result of a long history of dedication to success on the court. Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson, and A.J. Granger, three seniors who have been playing together for four years, spurred this team to victory throughout the year. Mateen with his incredible leadership. Morris with his clutch shooting. And A.J. with his consistent long marksmanship.

Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson, and Charlie Bell, all hail from Flint, Michigan. As a result, thousands of fans known them by their nickname, "The Flintstones." These three players have been playing basketball together since elementary school. Their comradeship and loyalty to one another carried out onto the floor throughout the season, and made the Spartans team a family off the floor as well.

Andre Hutson, the man in the middle, was often called on to shut down the teams top player, particularly in the 1999-2000 tournament. He handled his job with a workmanlike approach that defined professionalism.

Mike Chappell, Jason Richardson, and Aloysius Anagnonye, each provided

the Spartans with quality minutes off the bench all year, and particularly in the championship game, where they held their own against the vaunted Florida bench.

David Thomas and Adam Ballinger, provided valuable contributions throughout the season and the tournament, both on and off the court, often providing the Spartans with the lift they needed. And Steve Cherry, Mat Ishbia, and Brandon Smith demonstrated the total devotion of the Spartans players to the team concept both on the court and in practice.

Finally, a special mention must go to Head Coach Tom Izzo, who hails from Iron Mountain, Michigan, and is in only his fifth year coaching the team. Coach Izzo has proven himself to be one of the finest coaches in men's college basketball. He and his staff instilled into the Spartans a will to win second to none, exemplified by their cutthroat defense, which suffocated many potent offenses throughout the season, and particularly in the second half N.C.A.A. Tournament games.

Coach Izzo has served as an inspiration to his team, and to young men throughout Michigan and the nation who share the spirit and excitement of the sport of basketball.

I acknowledge his and his family's contribution. In fact, I had the pleasure of attending high school with his wife, Lupe.

Mr. President, I had the opportunity to attend the championship game, and I want to compliment everyone associated with the Spartans for the courage and class they exhibited throughout the game, and during the entire season. Everyone in Michigan—from Copper Harbor to Monroe, to Niles—should be proud of what this team has accomplished.

In closing, let me say, as a graduate of Michigan State University and as one who attended Michigan State at a time when our basketball program was not as successful as it has been since Magic Johnson's arrival in 1978 and in the time since, how proud I am of my alma mater for this great victory for the Spartans green and white.

I yield the floor to my colleague.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I join Senator ABRAHAM in sponsoring this resolution which commends and recognizes the extraordinary successes of the Michigan State Spartans.

As we speak today, about 150,000 people are lining the parade route in Lansing, MI, after a rally at our capitol, to welcome home and cheer on our heroes.

College athletics is at best about more than winning. It is about hard work and determination and relying on teammates to overcome adversity. The Michigan State Spartans surely displayed all of those characteristics in their season-long drive to become the national champions.

Coming off a loss to Duke in the Final Four last year, many had picked

MSU as this year's favorite to win the NCAA Tournament. However, when star point guard and former Big Ten Player of the Year Mateen Cleaves was sidelined with a stress fracture on his right foot early in the season, the hopes of a championship season seemed lost. But the Spartans never gave up. The rest of the team pulled together to play the first 13 games of the season without their emotional leader.

When Mateen returned to the basketball team, MSU went on to win their third straight Big Ten Championship, clinching the top seed in the Midwest region of the NCAA Tournament.

During the NCAA tournament the Spartans faced many challenges, winning come from behind victories against Utah, Syracuse, and Iowa State to reach the Final Four for the second straight year. After beating conference rival Wisconsin in the semifinals, the stage was set for Michigan State to take home their first National Championship title since Magic Johnson led the Spartans to victory over Indiana State in 1979.

Monday night the young Florida Gators played a great game, but their depth and energy didn't quite match the experience and determination of the Spartans. Mateen Cleaves led the team in scoring until five minutes into the second half when he was sent to the locker room with a sprained ankle. While many teams would have crumbled under the pressure of playing for the National Championship without their star player and floor leader, the Spartans came together like they have done all season long and their lead over the Gators grew. When the injured Cleaves came back onto the floor, limping up and down the court, his presence provided the emotional spark that the team needed to win by a final score of 89 to 76.

In today's sports world where, where many talented young players leave college early or don't go at all, and coaches skip from team to team it is refreshing to see the kind of dedication that these student athletes and their coach have shown. "The Flintstones"—seniors Mateen Cleaves and Morris Peterson, and junior Charlie Bell, have become heroes and role models to those from their hometown of Flint. Senior A.J. Granger's often unsung heroics have proved how much these Spartans value the success of the team over individual accolades. The full roster of that extraordinary team is as follows: Al Anagonye, Jason Andreas, Adam Ballinger, Charlie Bell, Mike Chappell, Steve Cherry, Mateen Cleaves, A.J. Granger, Lorenzo Guess, Andre Hutson, Matt Ishbia, Morris Peterson, Jason Richardson, Brandon Smith, David Thomas, and Adam Wolfe.

Coach Tom Izzo has spent his entire career in Michigan, including 12 years as an assistant under former Michigan State head coach, Jud Heathcote. They have set a wonderful example of what can happen when you are willing to combine patience, hard work, and dedication.

Those names belong in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. They are all being honored here for their teamwork, which produced a national champion.

Coach Tom Izzo has spent his entire career in Michigan, including 12 years as an assistant under former Michigan State head coach, Jud Heathcote. He and his assistants have set an extraordinary example of what can happen when you are willing to combine patience, hard work, and dedication. Indeed, the whole Michigan State family deserves credit because they truly represent, on and off the court, what we frequently talk about—family values. They believe in family, both at home and on the court. They act as a family and they play as a family. We owe them our congratulations and our thanks for that as well.

There is going to be a long list of bands in that parade going down Michigan Avenue in a few minutes. Many of the high school teams from around the State will be there. They have been invited to march. One of the groups, though, that I want to make special mention of in closing is the band from Tom Izzo's hometown of Iron Mountain. Tom Izzo is an "Upper," as we say; he comes from the UP. His heart has always been close to Michigan and Michigan State. He is originally from the UP. It is a special treat for him and for all of us that one of the bands marching down Michigan Avenue today will be indeed from his hometown of Iron Mountain.

We also pay tribute to the Florida Gators. It was an extraordinary game. They deserve an awful lot of credit for what they did to bring themselves to the finals. I am sure that in the future their heroics will again prove that they will go far in these NCAA tournaments. Hopefully, they will again get to the finals and, hopefully, again lose to a Michigan team.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico is recognized.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the two Senators from Connecticut be permitted to speak as in morning business and that their comments be counted toward the remaining time on the budget.

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

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, this will take about 5 minutes.

CONGRATULATING THE WOMEN UCONN HUSKIES FOR THEIR NCAA NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I am pleased to join my colleague from Connecticut. I appreciate the indulgence of the chairman while I digress for a couple of minutes.

My colleagues will understand that there is a sense of collective pride in the Nutmeg State among the Connecticut delegation over the success on Sunday night that brought the NCAA