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CHARLES E. GRASSLEY.●

KRESSE INDUCTED INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, for the past 22 years, men's basketball at the College of Charleston has been charmed by the unique powers of head coach John Kresse. Last week, the native New Yorker earned a berth in Palmetto sports history when he was inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame. Coach Kresse's remarkable statistics speak for themselves. He has compiled a 539-134 record with the Cougars for an .801 winning percentage that trails only Jerry Tarkanian and Roy Williams among active coaches. With a December 1999 victory over Tennessee Tech, he also became the second fastest coach in NCAA history to record 500 wins. That same year, the College of Charleston became the only team in Southern Conference history to post a 19-0 season. Under his leadership, the Cougars have earned four NCAA and two NIT tournament bids and have won 22 or more games in 17 of the last 21 seasons.

Coach Kresse arrived in Charleston in 1979 after successful stints as assistant coach under Lou Carnesecca at his alma mater, St. John's, and the New York Nets of the American Basketball Association. Over the next two decades, he groomed Charleston's modest basketball program to become a nationally-recognized competitor and source of tremendous state pride. "I'm not a showy guy," Kresse told The Post and Courier newspaper about his transformation from city slicker to Southern sports hero. "I'm a basic meat and potatoes guy who fell in love with this city, this State and the hospitality." The home arena now bears Coach Kresse's name, but fans bear his testimony every time they cheer a Cougar squad to victory. I can't think of anyone who deserves to be a Hall of Famer more than John Kresse. ●

S.C. TENNIS COACH CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, Wilton "Skinny" McKinney first swung a tennis racket in 1930 while giving his Greer neighborhood's new red clay court a try. He and his buddies scrounged up one ball and a rule book and, before you know it, Skinny had caught the tennis bug.

Skinny served as captain of his Greenville High and University of South Carolina tennis teams, and then served his country for three years in the Pacific fleet during World War II. Although he went on to capture the South Carolina doubles championship five times, Skinny found his true talent when he began coaching at his high school alma mater in 1948. For 25 years,

he worked as an accountant by day and volunteer coach in the evening, leading Greenville High to an unprecedented 16 State titles. He continues to give weekly lessons in Greenville. Many of his former students have won athletic scholarships, including a handful of All-Americans, and two became world-class players.

Skinny's success has earned him numerous accolades, including the Order of the Palmetto and Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellow award, as well as elections to the Southern Tennis Hall of Fame and the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame. For many years, he was also chair umpire at the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament on Hilton Head. The center tennis court at the Greenville Country Club, where he is a former director of tennis programs, bears his name, as does an annual award presented by The South Carolina Tennis Association. Yet most of his students would argue his greatest asset is an inspired coaching style that tempers hard work with a caring attitude. Last week, friends and students paid tribute to the 60-year coaching veteran with a surprise 80th birthday party.

"Skinny" McKinney is a credit to the sport of tennis, to South Carolina and the nation. Peatsy and I wish him a happy belated birthday and best wishes out on the court.●

TRIBUTE TO SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN HOME ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the Southern Christian Home of Morrilton, Arkansas, to countless citizens and families of Arkansas. On Saturday, May 5, 2001, the Southern Christian Home celebrates its 75th Anniversary.

Established in 1926 in Fort Smith, AR, the Southern Christian Home, SCH, relocated to Morrilton, AR, in 1936. Their mission during the past 75 years has been to glorify God by providing services that meet the physical, moral, mental, social, and spiritual needs of children based on Biblical truths and principles. The SCH provides care to children ages 6 to 17 years old. Since the SCH's inception there have been an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 children who have received care through the SCH's service offerings.

The Southern Christian Home's commitment to children is far reaching. While the SCH's primary focus has been Arkansas children, it has also provided services to children from Albania, China, and Brazil. Additionally, the SCH operates a children's home in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

As I have said on many occasions in the Senate, there is no greater national resource than our children. We, as a society, must continually reaffirm our commitment to ensure that all children live healthy, enriching, and promising lives. The work of the Southern

Christian Home is a shining example of this ideal.

On behalf of Arkansans and the Senate, I take this opportunity to wish Southern Christian Home a happy 75th Anniversary. I hope for them every success for the coming 75 years.●

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE WOMEN WEEK

● Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I would like to bring to the Senate's attention that a few weeks from now will be National Association of Insurance Women week.

Professional insurance women constitute over 50 percent of those employed in our Nation's insurance industry. For that reason, the National Association of Insurance Women and its 400 local affiliates are dedicated to the development of leaders for the insurance industry.

NAIW and its affiliates promote personal and professional development through education, networking and leadership opportunities to all women in the insurance business. Both national and local organizations continually strive to raise the standards of ethics, consumer education and customer service throughout the insurance industry.

NAIW local affiliates are engaged in charitable causes to strengthen and enhance hundreds of communities throughout the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Professional insurance women have earned recognition for their many accomplishments in the economically vital insurance industry.

It is important that we celebrate and honor the women who are performing such important and diverse roles throughout the risk and insurance industry.●

HONORING DETROIT POLICE OFFICERS

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to honor members, past and present, of the Detroit Police Department.

Detroit is my home town and as a citizen of Detroit, I owe much to our men and women in uniform. Each day, the members of the Detroit Police Department put their lives on the line to act as guardians of peace and protect the people of our great city.

On May 11, 2001, at the Twenty-Eighth Annual Detroit Police Department's Interfaith Memorial Service, we will recognize our distinguished law enforcement and honor the memory of officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. These officers have made the ultimate sacrifice for our safety and we are forever indebted to them and their families.

I am sure all of my colleagues will join me in honoring the fallen law enforcement officers of the Detroit Police Department and commemorate their

timeless dedication to the men, women and children of our great city.●

SPIRIT MOUND

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President I rise today to recognize the Spirit Mound Trust and the State of South Dakota in their efforts to preserve and maintain the historic Spirit Mound site located near Vermillion, SD. Recently, 320 acres of the Spirit Mound site were acquired through the collaborative efforts and active involvement of the local community, the State of South Dakota and the Federal Government.

On August 24, 1804, Lewis and Clark stopped near present day Vermillion, SD, and walked nearly 9 miles in temperatures over 100 degrees to a hill that native people thought was inhabited by devils 18–24 inches high. When Lewis and Clark reached the top of the mound, they saw the great northern plains buffalo herds below them, the beautiful Missouri River valley and even present day Iowa and Nebraska.

As the Lewis and Clark bicentennial approaches, it is estimated that between 15–30 million enthusiasts will retrace the expedition's footsteps. This provides a unique opportunity for many to visit and enjoy South Dakota's beautiful and historic landscape. A restored Spirit Mound will significantly contribute to the public's appreciation of Native culture, the Lewis and Clark expedition and the natural beauty of South Dakota's prairie. Also, the W.H. Over Museum in Vermillion, SD, has established a Lewis and Clark/Spirit Mound Learning and Information Center. This center will help educate visitors about the historical role Spirit Mound played in the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The Spirit Mound Trust, a group that has long advocated the preservation of the Spirit Mound site, was established in 1986 with the goal of raising the necessary money to purchase and restore the area to its native prairie landscape. The acquisition and restoration of Spirit Mound would not have become a reality if it were not for the leadership and perseverance of this local group. In the group's 15 year history, 17 board members—past and present—are responsible for Spirit Mound's current preservation. Those members are: Larry Monfore, Dr. Loren Carlson, Mark Wetmore, Margaret Cash, Dr. William Farber, Dr. Thomas Gasque, Amond Hanson, Dr. Jim Heisinger, Dr. Jim Peterson, Charles Wetmore, James Antonen, Dr. Betty Asher, Dr. Leonard Brugier, Dr. Jerry Johnson, Jim Kruger, Dr. Fred Peabody, and Dr. Webster Sill.

Governor William J. Janklow and his staff also played an important role in the acquisition of the Spirit Mound site. Governor Janklow has been steadfast in his support for state participation in the Spirit Mound project. Tim Bjork, who is the director of the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation, negotiated the purchase price of the

land. Without his leadership and tenacity, the acquisition of Spirit Mound would have never been accomplished.

I would also be remiss if I did not thank my former staff member and Vermillion native, Sarah Dahlin. Because of her tireless work and dedication to this project, we are now able to celebrate the eventual preservation of one of the very few physical features of the Upper Missouri River readily identifiable as a place where Lewis and Clark actually stood. With Sarah's assistance, I am pleased that we were able to secure sufficient federal funds to purchase the Spirit Mound acreage and to pass legislation authorizing this unique federal-state partnership.

Future generations will thank all of those who have sacrificed time, effort and money for this project. The preservation of Spirit Mound will enable all Americans to better appreciate what the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery experienced nearly 200 years ago.●

TONY AND MARGARET RADOSEVICH

● Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about two extraordinary and significant people, Tony and Margaret Radosevich. Let me tell you about these people, let me tell you what they mean to their church, to their community and to their family.

It is people like Tony and Marg Radosevich, first generation Americans, the very salt of the earth, who through hard work, strong ethics and clear vision, quite literally helped make northern Minnesota a wonderful place to live and raise a family—a place that strongly values education, democracy and hard work. Tony and Marg have lived their faith, standing up for their beliefs, putting them into action and teaching their children and community to do the same.

On a personal note, I know these people well. It is their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 5, 2001. They are celebrating 50 years of loving, laughing, and discussions around the diningroom table. Marg and Tony have raised seven children, opening their home to their children's friends and foreign exchange students. Marg is known for her ability to put a feast on the table with only minutes notice. I, myself, have been the beneficiary of her wonderful cooking and their joint hospitality.

I want to take a moment today to recognize these good and decent people, the true heroes and heroines of our time. Tony and Marg, you are well loved. I wish you all the best as you, your family and friends celebrate your 50 years together.●

COMMENDATION OF ANDY ROBINSON

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate and commend one of my constituents, Andy Robinson of Narragansett, RI. At the end of last year,

Andy Robinson retired from teaching after thirty years in the classroom. This Sunday his family, friends and innumerable former students will celebrate Andy's career and the impact he has had on the lives of so many Rhode Islanders. Andy Robinson is a model public servant and I would like to take a few minutes to express my appreciation for his commitment to our community.

Born and raised in East Providence, Andy graduated from my alma mater, LaSalle Academy. After receiving his bachelors degree from Providence College, Andy became a student teacher at Narragansett Junior High School. He then took a position for three years as a social studies teacher at Burrillville Junior-Senior High School while completing his masters degree at Providence College.

In 1975 Andy accepted a job as a social studies teacher at Narragansett High School, and I doubt he imagined at the time that he would dedicate the next 25 years to forming the minds of the students attending that school. Andy worked hard to improve and broaden the social studies program at Narragansett High School. He introduced Project Close-Up, Rhode Island Project Insight, the Rhode Island Model Legislature Program, the Mock Trial Program, the Junior Achievement Applied Economics Program and the Center for Civic Education "We the People" Program and Constitution Competition. He also obtained a federal grant to bring the Youth and the Law Program to the School. Andy served as the Social Studies Department Chair, a member of the school Steering Committee, a member of the School Based Improvement Team, and a member of the Review Committee for National Standards in Social Studies. For his endless energy and unflinching commitment to education, Andy has received the "Ocean State Center for Law And Citizenship Education Outstanding Law Educator" and is named in Who's Who in American Education.

Moreover, Andy's public service did not end in the classroom. From 1968 to 1989, Andy served in the Rhode Island National Guard. He has held positions in the Narragansett Lions Club, the Narragansett Democratic Town Committee and the Eastward Look Property Owner Association. He continues to serve as a member of the Narragansett Chamber of Commerce, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of South County, the Board of Incorporators South County Hospital, the Prout School Board and the Prout School Academic Affairs Committee.

Andy shares his commitment to the community with his wife Jane, who is a teacher at the Narragansett Elementary School. Together they raised two daughters, Catherine, who will soon begin serving the U.S. Army as a JAG, and Elizabeth who is carrying on the family tradition as a teacher of special education in Virginia.