

the entire country are far different from those favored not only by Senate Democrats. I also not only speak for Senate Democrats but I speak for mainstream Nevadans and Americans.

I have no doubt that Republicans will continue to criticize and even mislead readers about our policies, and that is too bad. To come here today and to say the problems of this country are the result of something that started a long time ago is ridiculous. I have no doubt we must continue to address the problems that face this country, and we must continue to address them focusing on more than Iraq. This country has more ability to do that.

I am very disappointed that my friend, the distinguished Senator from New Mexico, would come here and cite Joseph Stiglitz as supporting the policy of this country going back to the last administration when, in fact, if you read anything that Stiglitz writes, he talks about the economy being bad as a result of what happened with this administration's economic policy.

TRIBUTE TO GREG MADDUX

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Nevadan, Greg Maddux.

Greg Maddux is a baseball player. That is a tremendous understatement. He is one of best pitchers in professional baseball today and considered among the best to ever play the game.

Yesterday Greg won this 15th game of the season for the 15th year in a row, tying a record set by Cy Young.

For those who do not follow baseball or are not aware of the significance of this accomplishment, let me explain that Cy Young was one of baseball's first superstars. He pitched about a hundred years ago, starting in 1890 and finishing his career in 1911. Cy Young set many records that last to this day and will likely never be broken. He became the standard by which all pitchers who followed, even now about a century after him, are judged. In fact, the honor bestowed each year on the best pitcher in each league is known as the Cy Young award.

Greg Maddux became the first player to ever win four consecutive Cy Young awards with his dominant performances in the early to mid 1990s. His latest achievement testifies to his continued excellence, his endurance and consistency and his continued hard work.

Greg was born on April 14, 1966, the youngest of three children born to parents Dave and Linda Maddux. Dave was in the Air Force so the family including Greg's brother Mike and sister Terri moved around a lot but eventually settled in Las Vegas.

At Valley High in Las Vegas, Greg Maddux earned All-State honors in baseball his junior and senior years. He was selected by the Chicago Cubs in the second round of the free agent draft while he was still in high school, and following his graduation in 1984, he joined their minor league system. He

made quick progress in the minors, earning a call up to the big leagues in 1986 at age 20, becoming the youngest Cub in the majors since 1967. He won his first start on September 7 of that year with a complete game victory against the Cincinnati Reds, who were his favorite team as a youth. And later that month he won his second game when he beat his brother Mike, himself a successful professional player who pitched for 15 years in the major leagues. In fact, Mike pitched for 10 major league teams over 15 years. But for his brother, Greg, he would be Las Vegas's most famous major league pitcher.

You can imagine how proud the Maddux family must have been to see these 2 brothers competing against each other as they had years earlier when they played whiffle ball games in the backyard, and the satisfaction Gregg took in overcoming his big brother.

Greg started playing catch with his dad when he was just 2 years old and made enough progress that several years later he skipped tee ball and started playing pee-wee ball against boys much older and bigger than him.

Although he was the smallest and youngest kid on the team, Greg became the starting pitcher and the best player on the team, and his father—who coached the team—already saw signs that Greg was destined to be a star.

The Maddux family had a passion for sports, and the children learned the key to success was effort.

"I think our household was like every other American household," says Greg's mother, Linda. "It was routine. They had school, homework, baseball practice, and chores around the house."

One of the values that David and Linda Maddux tried to instill in Greg and his two siblings was a "good work ethic."

"Each one had his jobs around the house," she says, "and they did them without question."

That hard work clearly has paid off throughout Greg Maddux's career, helping make him the winningest pitcher of the 1990s.

He is not physically imposing—he stands less than 6 feet tall and weighs perhaps 175 pounds. He doesn't overpower but baffles batters with his pinpoint control and mastery. A maxim normally applied to real estate could also describe the keys to Greg Maddux's successful pitching: location, location, location.

He works efficiently, using economy of pitches. In yesterday's record-setting victory 61 of his 76 pitches were strikes. And last year he averaged only 1 walk per 9 innings.

As different as it is to draw a walk from him Greg is also stingy in giving up runs.

He concluded the 1990s with a 2.54 ERA over the decade, the third lowest ERA for any decade since 1910, behind only Hoyt Wilhelm (2.16) and Sandy

Koufax (2.36) in the 1960s. In 1995, he became the first pitcher to log back to back seasons with an ERA under 1.80.

His main pitches include a fastball in the mid-80s, a curve ball, slider and changeup. But whatever he throws, he regards his favorite pitch as strike three.

Teammate John Smoltz, also a Cy Young winning pitcher says of Greg, "Every pitch has a purpose. Sometimes he knows what he's going to throw two pitches ahead. I swear, he makes it look like guys are swinging foam bats against him."

And an opposing team's scout remarks, "Maddux is so good, we all should be wearing tuxedos when he pitches."

Greg Maddux has been described as a scientist who dissects opposing teams, an artist who paints the corners of home plate and a magician who can perform wonders with a baseball and make a talented batter disappear.

Sports Illustrated hailed him as the "best pitcher you'll ever see."

When he takes the mound, he presents a clinic, masterfully working the plate and using his arsenal of pitches. With guile, cunning and a poker face, he outsmarts opponents and keeps them guessing. It has been said that he can throw any pitch anywhere he wants on any count. As a result, batters are seldom able to hit the ball solidly and are often off balance, resulting in a harmless grounder or fly ball.

Not only is Greg Maddux an outstanding pitcher, but an all around baseball player, as he can field, hit and run the bases very well. He holds numerous records for putouts, assists and double plays, and is considered one of the best-fielding pitchers of all time. He has won 12 consecutive Gold Glove Awards for his fielding and is likely on his way to yet another.

As I said he works hard on his batting, normally not something pitchers are known for. In 1999, he hit 2 home runs and averaged .264.

Clearly, Greg Maddux is willing to give his all to help his team win though he manages to keep his cool regardless of the circumstances.

His calm demeanor and humility mask a fierce determination and competitive spirit that have earned him the nickname "Mad Dog."

Greg has been one of the major reasons the Atlanta Braves have been able to win their division an unprecedented 12 years in a row and again this year have the best record in the league.

He wears number 31, but since joining the Braves as a free agent in 1993, he has been the number 1 pitcher on a team that includes 2 other Cy Young winners, Smoltz and Glavine.

Yet Greg is a modest man who downplays his achievement.

"I never really thought about it," Maddux said of the record he set yesterday. "It feels good to be healthy enough to get it." He praises his teammates for much of his success and cites winning the World Series with the

Braves in 1995, not any individual achievement, as his greatest and proudest moment in sports.

Watching Greg Maddux on the mound, Braves pitching coach Leo Mazzone says he is well aware that he is seeing a future Hall of Famer. For winning the Cy Young, his glove and spikes are already in the Hall, and Greg Maddux certainly will be voted in as soon as he is eligible, five years after he retires.

As much of a success and a role model as Greg Maddux is on the baseball field, he is also a success and role model in life.

He is a devoted family man, married to a wonderful wife Kathy. They have a daughter, Amanda Paige and a son Chase Alan.

Greg can afford to live anywhere. I know that we are happy that he and his family have chosen to live in Las Vegas and to contribute generously to others in the community, whether signing autographs for fans or giving his time and money towards charitable causes.

Greg states that he has no use for the glamorous life which his money could buy and describes himself as "your average Joe."

Kathy and Greg lead the Maddux Foundation, which is involved in several charitable activities in Las Vegas and Atlanta. The Foundation supports children's homes, domestic crisis shelters, and boys' and girls' clubs.

"Our foundation is low key," Maddux said. "We've never really solicited anyone outside before."

"The goal is to give more money to charity. It's about 'How much can we give?' instead of 'How much can we profit?'"

In recent years, the Madduxes have expanded their philanthropic efforts, and brother Mike also has a foundation that helps children. Greg participates in golf tournaments whose proceeds go to the Southern Nevada chapter of the Candlelighters, which works with families whose children are battling cancer, and Safe Nest, which helps victims of domestic violence.

To my friend, Greg Maddux, a great baseball player and great American I want to thank you for all you have done for Las Vegas and for Nevada, as a role model for all America. You are a breath of fresh air in a troubled world.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be recognized in morning business.

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

IRAQ AND THE ECONOMY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I spent the weekend in my home State of Illinois, from the southern part of the State, the metro east, St. Clair County, Madison County, and the city of Chicago, going from one place to another, and it is interesting to me that people will stop and ask me about our going to war in Iraq.

I have not found a single person who makes any excuses for Saddam Hussein. I will not. He is a man who certainly distinguished himself—if that is the word—in the history of this world: for his aggression, his militarism, his inhumane treatment of his own people and his neighbors.

He is someone who cannot be trusted but must be watched carefully and closely. He is someone who must be monitored at all times for fear he could go too far in his development of weapons and his development of military strategies as a threat to the world. Everyone concedes this. I certainly concede it.

We found what he was all about when he invaded Kuwait. We have watched him closely ever since. The United Nations put restrictions on what he can do in defense of his own nation, limitations on his own military power. One of those limitations prohibits weapons of mass destruction: chemical weapons, biological weapons, and nuclear weapons.

The United Nations started inspecting for those weapons after the Persian Gulf war. Saddam Hussein threw every obstacle he could find in their path. He discouraged them when he could, and ultimately the inspections were withdrawn 4 or 5 years ago. We still do a flyover with our planes to watch everything that happens in his country, not to mention all the other sources of intelligence. We worry about him, as we should.

Having said all those things, and the fact that almost everyone acknowledges them to be true, it is still interesting, as I go around my State—a State which is fairly diverse in terms of its economy, in terms of its culture, in terms of its politics—there is no ground swell for America to invade Iraq and to displace Saddam Hussein from power.

The idea of a land invasion, for what the President calls a "regime change" has not brought the people out cheering, as they cheered after September 11 when we said we were going after Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida. Instead, what I hear from the people I speak to in Illinois is that certainly we have to keep an eye on this man, but why should we do it alone? Shouldn't the United States have standing with it a coalition of countries around the world? Why would we do this by ourselves? Isn't it better to invite other nations to be part of it because there is strength in numbers, more clarity of purpose, a sharing of the burden not only of the war but of controlling Iraq after it is defeated?

I can tell you that Thomas Friedman, the foreign Times correspondent for the New York Times, said it best. He said: Our situation in Iraq, if we go it alone, is much the same as the person who walks into the store and sees a sign which says, "If you break it, you own it."

If we displace Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq, then, frankly, as those

who displaced him, we will have a burden to bring some stability and security to that country. Is it not better for us, in that circumstance, to have other Western civilized democratic nations standing behind us, not only behind the muzzle of the gun pointed at him but standing in league with us to make sure Iraq is peaceful and safe for a long time?

Let me add one other element that comes up time and again. This is a different world since September 11 of last year. We have to measure our foreign policy against its impact on terrorism. There is not a country in the world which would knowingly attack the United States. We have the best military in the world, the best men and women in uniform, the best technology, but we know we are vulnerable, we are vulnerable to terrorism.

If we make that decision to go it alone in Iraq, to do it by ourselves, and say to the rest of the world, we don't care what the opinion of the United Nations is or any other country is, we will go it alone, would that not invite a backlash from parts of the world that are preaching extremism and fundamentalism? Wouldn't that, unfortunately, sow the seeds of terrorism?

Isn't it far better for us to have a coalition with Arab States, as President Bush's father did in the Persian Gulf, a grand coalition of countries that say Saddam Hussein has to be watched carefully?

When I saw the resolution that President Bush sent us last week, that is not his intension, that is not his design. If you think that trip to the United Nations was an appeal to that body to move forward and do things, it might have been, but, frankly, his resolution he sent to us basically says: Ignore my speech; ignore my visit to the United Nations; ignore the United Nations; give me the authority to do it by myself.

I have no doubt we could win that war, that we could displace Saddam Hussein, but isn't there a better and more cautious and more prudent and more successful strategy we should consider—bringing in the United Nations for real inspections, unconditional inspections, enforced with military force, if they must be, including some troops from the United States, to make sure the inspectors get into the places they need to; and failing that, if Saddam Hussein stops the inspectors, that we issue an ultimatum to him through the United Nations, that if you do not allow unconditional inspections, you can expect there will be a forceful effort by the countries of the world to enforce United Nations resolutions already in place? Isn't that a far better approach than to say, we have a battle plan; we are going to attack; we will send you a note, United Nations, and let you know what happens?

The United Nations should not dictate American policy, but President Bush's father was right. When you can involve a coalition of nations around