

THE MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FINAL FOUR APPEARANCE

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today, it is with great admiration that I congratulate the Marquette University Men's Basketball Team on their accomplishment in making it to the Final Four of this year's NCAA Basketball Tournament. Their season was extremely impressive and made folks proud to be from Wisconsin.

This was Marquette's third trip to the Final Four. Their first trip was in 1974, and they won the NCAA Championship in 1977. Their hard work and perseverance carried them into this prestigious position, which undoubtedly honored the instillings of Al McGuire, who was the coach from 1964 to 1977 and represents the spirit of this basketball program. With this great accomplishment, Marquette's coach Tom Crean graduates to the honors bestowed on this program in years past and has ignited the strong traditions of success that have long been a part of Marquette.

I take great pride in recognizing the Marquette University Men's Basketball Team in their attainment of a spot in the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament. I wish Coach Crean and the Marquette University basketball team all the best. Wisconsin is very proud.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING DONNELL D. ETZWILER, M.D.

• Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a great American and a most distinguished Minnesotan, Donnell D. Etzwiler, M.D., as he receives the National Institute of Health Policy's Health Care Leadership Award.

Donnell D. Etzwiler, M.D., earned a Doctor of Medicine from Yale University School of Medicine in 1953. He practiced as a pediatrician specializing in diabetes care at the Park Nicollet Clinic in Minneapolis, Minnesota from 1957 to 1996.

In 1967, Dr. Etzwiler founded the International Diabetes Center, IDC, in Minnesota where he served as its President and Chief Medical Officer until 1996. The IDC's mission is to ensure that every individual with diabetes or at risk for diabetes receives the best possible care. Under Dr. Etzwiler's three decades of leadership, the IDC trained over 12,000 health professionals, including hundreds from other countries, including Japan, Poland, Russia, Mexico, and Brazil. Dr. Etzwiler's dedication to his pediatric patients resulted in the IDC organizing and hosting the First International Symposium on Diabetes Camps in 1974. This important group significantly contributed to the establishment of standards and accreditation for diabetes camp programs.

Donnell D. Etzwiler, M.D. served as President of the American Diabetes As-

sociation from 1976 to 1977. From 1982 to 1994, Dr. Etzwiler served as a Principal Investigator for the National Institutes of Health Diabetes Control and Complications Trial, a landmark study that showed that keeping blood glucose levels as close to normal as possible slows the onset and progression of eye, kidney, and nerve diseases caused by diabetes.

Dr. Etzwiler's commitment to improving diabetes care was international in scope. From 1986 to 1994 he served as the Chairman of the Diabetes Collaborating Centers for the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1994, the Russian Government, awarded Dr. Etzwiler a Peace Award for co-founding and co-directing the International Diabetes Programme in Russia from 1989 to 1997.

Dr. Etzwiler was extensively involved in professional medical associations, where he served in numerous leadership positions. He was a member of the Institute of Medicine. He has received over 30 hours and awards from professional and civic organizations, including the Charles H. Best Medal for Distinguished Service in 1994 from the American Diabetes Association. A Professor of Medicine for over 40 years, Dr. Etzwiler has published over 180 articles and abstracts about diabetes care.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great man. Through his commitment and compassion, Dr. Donnell D. Etzwiler has improved health care both nationally and internationally for people with diabetes. Thanks to Don, people—especially children—with diabetes live happier and healthier lives. •

TOWNS COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, in recognition of being named one of TIME magazine's 2001 Schools of the Year and for being selected as the first Georgia Lighthouse School to watch this year, Senator ZELL MILLER invited the student council representing Towns County Middle School to visit, tour, and study the Nation's Capital, Washington, DC. The students were accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Dendy, Partners in Education Coordinator for the school, and Mr. Stephen H. Smith, principal and 2003 Georgia Principal of the Year. Senator MILLER provided a tour of the Senate to Amber Allen, Bart Arencibia, Sam Clay, Nathan Dye, Katie Dyer, Ali Jones, Josh Lickey, Bryan Miller, Kayla Moody, Jentry Moss, Katie Scott, Anderson Sutton, and Carolyn Sutton.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STUDENTS AT GRACE KING HIGH SCHOOL IN THE WE THE PEOPLE COMPETITION

• Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, on April 26, 2003, more than 1,200 students from across the United States will visit Washington, DC to compete in the na-

tional finals of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program, the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by act of Congress.

I am proud to announce that the class from Grace King High School from Metairie will represent the State of Louisiana in this national event. These young scholars, led by their teacher Jamie Staub, have worked conscientiously to reach the national finals by participating at local and statewide competitions. As a result of their experience they have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

The 3-day We the People national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. The hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges on constitutional topics. The students are given an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge while they evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. Their testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges who probe the students' depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

The class from Grace King High School is currently preparing for their participation in the national competition in Washington, DC. It is inspiring to see these young people advocate the fundamental ideals and principles of our Government, ideas that identify us as a people and bind us together as a nation. It is important for future generations to understand these values and principles, which we hold as standards in our endeavor to preserve and realize the promise of our constitutional democracy. I wish these young "constitutional experts" the best of luck at the We the People national finals. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 108. An act to amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act.

H.R. 205. An act to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

H.R. 273. An act to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland and Louisiana.

H.R. 733. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, and to administer the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1584. An act to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 380. An act to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 206 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Protection Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5616), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for a 3-year term: Mr. Michael J. Mahoney of Chicago, Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 188a, and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. YOUNG of Florida and Mr. LATOURETTE of Ohio.

The message further announced that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 188a, the Minority Leader appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission for the 108th Congress: Mr. FATTAH of Pennsylvania

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills

H.R. 397. An act to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois.

H.R. 672. An act to rename the Guam South Elementary /Middle School of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools system in honor of Navy Commander William "Willie" McCool, who was the pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia when it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 108. An act to amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 205. An act to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 733. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, and to administer the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1849. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals; Rules of Practice—Appeal Withdrawal (2900-AK71)" received on April 3, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1850. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the March 2003 Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy, received on April 3, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1851. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula (Rev. Rul. 2003-25)" received on April 2, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1852. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Diesel Fuel; Blended Taxable Fuel (TD 9051)" received on April 2, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1853. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Information Reporting Requirements Under Section 60501 For Cash Transactions That Involve The Rental Of Taxicabs For A Daily Shift (Rev. Proc. 2003-27)" received on April 2, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1854. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Section 4945 Scholarship Grants by Employer-Related Private Foundation in Qualified Disaster Context (Rev. Rul. 2003-32)" received on April 2, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1855. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Tax-Exempt Bond Look Through (Rev. Proc. 2003-32)" received on April 2, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1856. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Announcement and Report Concerning Advance Pricing Agreements (2003-19)" received on April 2, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1857. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Medicare Program; Improvements to the Medicare and Choice Appeal and Grievance Procedures (0938-AK48)" received on April 4, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1858. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Center for Medicare and Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Update of Ambulatory Surgical Center List of Council Procedures Effective July 1, 2003 (0938-AM02)" received on March 28, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1859. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (RIN 1903-AC11)" received on April 1, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1860. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the judiciary's courthouse construction requirements and construction budget for fiscal year 2004 along with the out-year requirements for fiscal years 2005-2008, received on April 4, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1861. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Wage Garnishment (RIN 0990-AA05)" received on March 28, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1862. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "29 CFR 1979, Procedures for the Handling of Discrimination Complaints under Section 519 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century; Final Rule (1218-AB99)" received on April 1, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1863. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Strategic Plan of the Social Security Administration (SSA) for Fiscal Years 2003-2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1864. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Inspector General of the Department of Defense (DOD) annual assessment of the DOD voting assistance program, received on April 1, 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1865. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds (RIN 0570-AA30)" received on April 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1866. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of