

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of David Bloom.

CONGRATULATING SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to immediate consideration of S. Res. 115, submitted earlier today by Senators SCHUMER and CLINTON.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 115) congratulating the Syracuse University men's basketball team for winning the 2003 NCAA Division I men's basketball national championship.

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

SYRACUSE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, as all of America now knows, Syracuse defeated Kansas in the national championship Monday night 81 to 78. This is the Syracuse Orangemen's first national championship. My, how long we have waited. But my, how sweet and deserved victory is.

As you remember, in 1987, in New Orleans, the same building, the same site as this year's championship, Syracuse lost to Indiana by 1 point on an acrobatic shot by Keith Smart. Coach Jim Boeheim said: "I think that building owed us." Well, the building did, and Syracuse is now the national champion.

In a time of war, when so much sorrow is among us, it is a time for a little happiness, the happiness that the Orangemen brought New Yorkers, soldiers overseas who follow the game, and the tens and tens and tens of thousands of Syracuse fans across New York State and across the country.

This is Jim Boeheim's first national championship. He has been coach for 27 years. His loyalty to his alma mater, Syracuse, is unparalleled. Now, Boeheim has been criticized for not being able to win the big game, but he has quieted his critics and has established himself as a legitimate candidate for the Hall of Fame. He called the win not a validation of his coaching skills but a testament to the talent of his players—typical of Jim Boeheim's modesty. This Syracuse team is a model for all of America. They have persisted and persisted and persisted. Coach Boeheim persisted and persisted and persisted, and we so admire him. His heart belonged to Syracuse.

Jim Boeheim is Mr. Syracuse. As the old story goes, Boeheim was sitting on the beach in Hawaii with his former assistant, Rick Pitino, and Pitino's wife, Joanne. Someone posed a question: If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

Rick picked San Francisco, and his wife Joanne picked New York City.

"Syracuse," Boeheim said. "Hawaii was just Syracuse in July," Boeheim sniffed. "For 8 months a year, it's the best weather in the country, and the other 4 months we are playing basketball."

Well, the Orangemen had an amazing story this year. They came in to the season as underdogs, not even earning a ranking in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll until February. They stormed through the regular season, finishing tied for first in the Big East, with a 13-3 record. They finished the regular season 24-5 overall.

Of course, one of the biggest stories is the youth of this team. Where have we ever seen—ever—two freshmen guards lead as well as they have?

Carmelo Anthony, a freshman and leader of the team, had 20 points Monday night, with 10 rebounds and seven assists in the final game against Kansas. You could see the pain on his face. He was playing with an injured back, but he kept going and going, as he has done all season. He scored a career high 33 points and had 14 rebounds against Texas in the semifinal. Many scouts believe he could be the No. 1 or No. 2 draft pick this year in the NBA lottery.

How about Gerry McNamara, that feisty Irishman, a freshman point guard. He was huge in the championship game. In the first half, he hit six 3-pointers and scored 18 points.

Hakim Warrick, only a sophomore, made the biggest play of the game. As all of us were sitting around holding our breath as Kansas came within three points, with 1.5 seconds left, Warrick made an amazing block of Michael Lee's 3-point attempt that would have tied the game.

What a game it was, Mr. President. What a victory for Syracuse. All of central New York is cheering. It is 80 degrees and that orange sun is shining brightly over Syracuse in central New York this afternoon, and it will continue to do so for a long time. Because Syracuse has so many proud alumni and fans from one end of New York State to the other, there is a smile across our State this afternoon spreading from Buffalo to New York City.

Mr. President, we are proud of the coach, Jim Boeheim; we are proud of the team, the great Orangemen; we are proud of the university, Syracuse University.

I yield the floor and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table without intervening objection or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 115) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 115

Whereas on Monday, April 7, 2003, the Syracuse University Orangemen men's basketball team won its first Division I national basketball championship;

Whereas Syracuse University won the championship game by defeating the University of Kansas Jayhawks 81 to 78;

Whereas the Syracuse University team was led by freshman Carmelo Anthony, who was voted Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four, and received outstanding effort and support from Gerry McNamara, Billy Edelin, Kueth Duany, Hakim Warrick, Craig Forth, Jeremy McNeil, and Josh Pace;

Whereas the roster of the Syracuse University team also included Tyrone Albright, Josh Brooks, Xzavier Gaines, Matt Gorman, Gary Hall, Ronneil Herron, and Andrew Kouwe;

Whereas Head Coach Jim Boeheim has coached at Syracuse University for 27 years and been involved with the Syracuse University men's basketball team for more than half his life;

Whereas Coach Boeheim had previously coached in 2 national championship games, including a heartbreaking loss in 1987;

Whereas Coach Boeheim and his coaching staff, including Associate Head Coach Bernie Fine and Assistant Head Coaches Mike Hopkins and Troy Weaver, deserve much credit for the outstanding determination and accomplishments of their young team; and

Whereas the students, alumni, faculty, and supporters of Syracuse University are to be congratulated for their commitment and pride in their national champion men's basketball team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Syracuse University men's basketball team for winning the 2003 NCAA Division I men's basketball national championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the team's players, coaches, and support staff and invites them to the United States Capitol Building to be honored;

(3) requests that the President recognize the achievements of the Syracuse University men's basketball team and invite them to the White House for an appropriate ceremony honoring a national championship team; and

(4) directs Secretary of the Senate to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Syracuse University for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each coach and member of the 2003 NCAA Division I men's basketball national championship team.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2003

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. Thursday, April 10. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period of morning business until 11 a.m. with the first 30 minutes equally divided between Senator HUTCHISON and the minority leader or his designee, and the remaining time

until 11 a.m. be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will be in a period of morning business tomorrow until 11 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate may address any of the following items: The FISA bill, if a unanimous consent can be reached; the PROTECT Act conference report; and the nomination of Priscilla Owen to be U.S. circuit judge; the BioShield bill; and any other conference reports that may become available, including the budget and supplemental con-

ference reports. Members should expect rollcall votes throughout the day.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:30 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 10, 2003, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 9, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JAMES J. JOCHUM, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, VICE FARYAR SHIRZAD.

THE JUDICIARY

WILLIAM H. PRYOR, JR., OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT, VICE EMMETT RIPLEY COX, RETIRED.

THOMAS M. HARDIMAN, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE WILLIAM L. STANDISH, RETIRED.

J. RONNIE GREER, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE, VICE THOMAS G. HULL, RETIRED.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate April 9, 2003:

THE JUDICIARY

DEE D. DRELL, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA.

RICHARD D. BENNETT, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND.