

percent of American pilots were women.

When she was 20 years old, Ms. Lee traveled to China to contribute to the war effort. At the time, women were not allowed to join the Chinese air Force, so Ms. Lee worked to open a school in Canton during that time and worked for an information group.

In 1938, Ms. Lee returned to the United States just prior to the Japanese invasion of China. Because of her previous flight training, Ms. Lee was able to enter the Women's Flying Training Detachment, WFTD, and trained to fly a range of military planes. Ms. Lee was one of 112 proud women graduates from the fourth WFTD. Upon her completion of the program in 1943, Ms. Lee joined the Women Airforce Service Pilots, WASP, an elite group that made invaluable contributions to the war effort.

Ms. Lee was assigned to the Air Transport Command's 3rd Ferrying Squadron at Romulus Army Air Base in Michigan. From this post, it was her duty to transport aircraft to military positions from the factories around the United States. These women were responsible for the transportation of over 70 different kinds of aircraft, all critically needed for the war.

While at Romulus Army Air Base, Ms. Lee attended Officer Candidate School in preparation to become a commissioned officer. Upon the completion of that training, Ms. Lee was one of a very select group of women qualified to fly all the Army's single engine fighter aircraft.

In November of 1944, Ms. Lee went to the Bell aircraft factory at Niagara Falls, NY, to pick up a new fighter plane to be flown to Great Falls, MT. Bad weather complicated her trip and caused delays in landing in Montana. Ms. Lee was cleared to land by the control tower while another plane was descending to land on the same runway. As both planes lowered to the darkened landing strip, the control tower radioed for them to pull up. Due to a radio malfunction, the two aircraft collided and crashed onto the runway. Ms. Lee sustained severe burns and trauma in the resulting fire. Heroic efforts were made to save her, but, sadly, Hazel Ying Lee died of her injuries on November 25, 1944.

Ms. Lee made a selfless commitment to her country in a time of great peril, ultimately giving her life to her duty. It is with humble respect and praise that I offer my recognition today to Hazel Ying Lee, in hopes she will always be remembered for her bravery.●

RYAN QUARLES

● Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Mr. Ryan Quarles from Scott County, who was chosen as one of the 10 national winners of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency's sponsored writing contest for Future Farmers of America members.

Mr. Quarles was chosen from 140 entries from across the Nation. Contestants were required to write a 1,000-word essay on "Risk Management For Setting Your Supervised Agricultural Experience Program." Mr. Quarles has shown a commitment to excellence deserving of such a distinguished honor. Mr. Quarles' essay is a shining example of what you can achieve if you work hard and pursue your goals. His example should be followed by students across Kentucky.

This young man has demonstrated his amazing comprehension of risk management principles and application of various risk management tools and strategies in his essays. I am proud of this young man's dedication to Kentucky agriculture, the Future Farmers of America, and his goals for educational excellence. The citizens from Scott County are fortunate to call Ryan Quarles one of their own. I also want to congratulate his advisor, along with his peers, faculty, administrators, and family for their support and sacrifices they've made to help him meet this achievement and make his dreams a reality.●

JOHN HENDRICKS

● Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Mr. John Hendricks from Clark County, who was chosen as one of the 10 national winners of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency's sponsored writing contest for Future Farmers of America members.

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HOOTIE JOHNSON

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Madam President, I have known Hootie Johnson for the past 50 years and yes, there is no one more well thought of, more popular, more respected in South Carolina.

A star football hero in college, he came on as a natural leader in the banking business. He is one with this so-called vision, leading the way to integration, opportunity and, yes, as head of Augusta National having women play the course. I have read extreme nonsense from every angle critical of Hootie and withheld public comment because I knew coming from the State it would lack a certain amount of credibility. Now, Sally Jenkins in this morning's Washington Post has responded for me in her column "Hootie and the Blowhard". I ask that it be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Washington Post, Apr. 11, 2003]

BURK IS WAY OFF COURSE

(By Sally Jenkins)

AUGUSTA, GA.—Dorein Vanderzahn poked her umbrella into the red clay Georgia field and announced, definitively, "Fire ants." If you stooped down and examined the dirt, there they were, swarming over the crabgrass acre where Martha Burk will hold her protest against Augusta National, ready to blister ankles. "I think they may come as an additional surprise to her," Vanderzahn said. Burk is liable to be surprised by many things here, given her reliance on old southern caricatures, the redneck sheriff with the star-shaped badge, the mush-mouthed Bubba, and the southern magnolia who swings her umbrella soft as a hanging fern. That's why Burk's campaign against Augusta National's all-male membership has been greeted with fire-ant hostility by many here, and why even the women of Augusta find it ultimately weak, and wrong: because it's based on stereotype and mischaracterization.

If you're a white male of a certain age and luckless enough to speak with a twang, then apparently you must be a tobacco-spitting good old boy, no matter what your actual record. For months now, Burk has done her best to make Hootie Johnson, the honeyvoiced president of Augusta National, out to be a sexist hick or worse. What's more, some of the media has shamelessly perpetuated the image, most notably the New York Times, which has relentlessly excoriated him while until recently giving Johnson's notable career as a civil rights activist and women's advocate short shrift.

The truth about Johnson, a banker from South Carolina, is that he's a longtime progressive who has fought long and hard to integrate South Carolina's schools, banks, businesses and politics, and launched the careers of scores of women and minorities. He has also fought to remove the Confederate flag from the statehouse. He is nobody's chauvinist, or bigot, or good old boy. And yet when a Ku Klux Klan crank applied for a permit to protest at Augusta, Burk actually said, and got away with it, "Augusta National should not be shocked by the KKK's endorsement. They have behaved in a manner that attracts this type of support."

This smearing of southern white men has eroded any inclination to listen to Burk around here, and it's a kind of discourse that would be considered universally despicable if it was turned on women or minorities. People have been taking roundhouse swings at privileged white men for a long time; that's nothing new. But Burk is not just fire-breathing; she is inaccurate. Burk seems not to have done any homework on who Hootie is, what he has done or what The Masters

is—she actually suggested they move the tournament to a different course. She is so wrong about so many things it's tough to take her seriously on anything about which she might be right.

The fact is that Johnson defies category, and for that matter so does Dorein Vanderzahn. Vanderzahn doesn't agree with Burk—"not a bit," she said.

Vanderzahn was born and raised in Augusta—she knows about the fire ants because she used to cut through the field—and it would be convenient for Burk if Vanderzahn was a downtrodden southern housewife or a mindless belle, but she's not. She's a physician, who disagrees with Burk on principle, and because she finds the whole campaign silly. "I think she has an overblown sense of importance," Vanderzahn says.

Burk also has portrayed local law enforcement as heavies, a bunch of Bull Connors doing the bidding of rich men, because they won't allow her to protest in front of the main entrance to the club. They cite safety and traffic reasons—reasons perfectly legitimate to anyone who has ever tried to negotiate the choked intersection. Deputy sheriff Johnny Whittle sat in his black-and-white squad car, parked under an old tree in the field of crabgrass where Burk will protest. He will be in charge of keeping the peace at Burk's protest. A heavy badge was pinned on his uniform pocket, and his shirt collar was buttoned tight, above which loomed a face that was more John Wayne than John Wayne's. "Oh, we're used to it," he said. "We've been stereotyped our whole lives. Everybody says watch out for the Georgia police, but we try to get out of locking people up."

Whittle expects nine groups of protestors to show up Saturday, including the Burk flotilla, the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, the New Black Panther Party, a hilarious anti-Burkist faction called People Against Stupid Protests, and the lone self-described KKK member, whom Whittle simply refers to as "that person, for lack of a better word." Whittle adds, "None of us agree with him, but we have to protect him." Not that Whittle agrees with Burk, either.

"They don't let me in that club," Whittle said. "Are they discriminating against me, too? To be honest, I don't want to go in there and set down where they smoke those stinking cigars. It just seems like there's a lot of better things to be done in the cause for women."

Burk filed suit complaining that by being relegated to the field, she will miss her audience. She lost the suit. Actually, the field is centrally located across the street from the course; anyone going to the tournament, or for that matter making a run to Eckerd, can't miss it. Thursday, even before she arrived and on a day when play was cancelled, people rolled down car windows as they passed the field, and shouted, "Say no to Martha!" Kiosks sold "I Support Hootie" buttons, as well as golf balls that said, "Drive Burk Out" and T-shirts that said "The Burk Stops Here." What Burk should worry about is not whether the audience will miss her, but whether she has lost her audience altogether. ●

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:31 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the Concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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

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.

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

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 2:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1770. An act to provide benefits an other compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from administration of smallpox countermeasures, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1584) to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The 6:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 151. An act to prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation of children, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1505. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2127 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the "Jim Richardson Post Office".

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

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 8:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Rota, one of its clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution:

H. J. Res. 51. A joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, April 11, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 380. A 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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 108. A resolution designating the week of April 21 through April 27, 2003, as "National Cowboy Poetry Week".

S. Res. 111. A resolution designating April 30, 2003, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans", and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The following Federal Campaign Contribution Reports were submitted by Mr. Lugar for the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Joseph LeBaron, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Nominee: Joseph Evan LeBaron.

Post: Mauritania.

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse: Elinor R. LeBaron, none.
3. Children and Spouses: Petra Drake LeBaron, none.
4. Parents: Carlos S. LeBaron, deceased; Truelsen LeBaron McCracken, deceased. (Step) Parents: Lawrence McCracken, none.
5. Grandparents: Edgar M. LeBaron, deceased; Zenobia H. LeBaron, deceased; Hyrum J. Davis, deceased; Berta B. Davis, deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: C. Stephen LeBaron, less than \$100, 2001, Republican National Committee; Marjorie L. LeBaron (spouse), none; Daniel McCracken, none; Cindy McCracken (spouse), none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Joyce I. LeBaron, none; Veida Wissler, none; Steve Wissler (spouse), none; Elma M. Witty, none; Ben Witty (spouse), none; Phyllis McCracken, none.

Reno L. Harnish, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.