

MARATHON VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY TEAM, NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2004

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Marathon Varsity Field Hockey Team for their outstanding performance this season. Winning the State Championship will remain a vivid moment of victory of each one of the team's members—for without their collective talent and dedication—it would not have been possible.

The long list of season accomplishments is truly something to take pride in. Breaking the state record with 68 consecutive wins, making the lady Olympians third in the nation with such an amazing winning streak, brings pride not only to Marathon but brings pride to the entire state of New York.

Head Coach Karen Funk deserves special praise for leading this fine group of student athletes to the highest possible achievement in the New York State Class C conference. Through Coach Funk's leadership these young ladies have proven that hard work and dedication on the practice field and in the classroom can produce champions on the playing field and in academics.

The 2003 Marathon Field Hockey Team: Ashley Abbatiello, Caitlin Barber, Shanna Barrows, Nikki Billings, Staci Billings, Rebecca Bliss, Grace Chrysler, Megan French, Jamie Gofgosky, Brittnei Griep, Danielle Griep, Katie Gutches, Leslieann Gutches, Stefanie Hatch, Ashley Holbrook, Emily McDonald, Theresa Parker, Jacki Rose, Margo Stone, Frankie VanDeWeert, Sarah Veninsky, Katie Yudiciatis, Coach Karen Funk, JV Coach Patti Trabucco, JH Coach Sue Malmberg.

IN HONOR OF CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR BYRON D. SHER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor California State Senator Byron Sher, the most highly regarded environmental legislator in California, who will be retiring this year after representing San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties in the California State Legislature for nearly a quarter century. Senator Sher will be honored on Friday, January 30, 2004 by the San Mateo County Democratic Party for his extraordinary public service.

Senator Sher began his public service in 1965 when he was elected to the Palo Alto City Council where he served for nine years, including two terms as Mayor. He was a Commissioner of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission from 1978 to 1980, and served on the Committee on Environmental Quality for the National League of Cities and the League of California Cities. His work on these bodies would serve him exceedingly well in years to come.

Byron Sher was elected to the California State Assembly in November, 1980, where he served with distinction as a leader on environmental policy for over fifteen years. He was then elected to the Senate in 1996 in a special election to represent the 11th District, which is geographically and culturally diverse, spanning from Belmont to San Jose, and which includes major portions of the South San Francisco Bay and the San Mateo County Coast.

Throughout Senator Sher's legislative career, he has been regarded as the premier legislator on environmental issues. He is not only the first Chairman of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, he is also the author of countless benchmark laws that have led the State of California to enact some of the most significant environmental protection policies in our Nation. Among the laws he has authored are the California Clean Air Act, the Integrated Waste Management Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act. He has strengthened the State's timber regulations with his Surface

Mining and Reclamation Act and been at the forefront of computer recycling programs to ensure that the dangerous byproducts of the information age, such as mercury, don't contaminate our landfills and water supplies. Senator Sher also authored the Nation's first law to prevent toxic contamination of water supplies from leaking underground storage tanks. Virtually all his legislation is considered the gold standard for environmental conservation and protection laws throughout our country.

Senator Sher is also considered one of the foremost experts on consumer protection and government ethics. He has consistently been ranked one of the State's top ten legislators for intelligence and integrity by the California Journal Magazine. Despite the many demands on his time, Senator Sher continues to serve as a member of the Steering Committee of the National Council on Competition and Electric Services, as a California Commissioner on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and as a member of the Wildlife Conservation Board.

Byron Sher has also been an important part of the academic community. He was a Fulbright Research Scholar in New Zealand and held academic teaching positions in law at Southern Methodist University, the University of Southern California and Harvard Law School before coming to Stanford University. At Stanford, Senator Sher's passion for the rights of his fellow citizens could be seen in the coursework he taught as a professor of law: Consumer credit, consumer protection, as well as contract and commercial law. At Stanford he's been Chairman of the Human Relations Commission and the Faculty Senate, and was a member of the University Budget Priorities Advisory Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to call Byron Sher my friend and my colleague in public service. This quiet, humble, decent and brilliant man is a source of great pride to the Democratic Party, to our mutual constituents, to all Californians and to our entire Nation. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking Senator Sher for his lifetime of extraordinary service to California and our country. Because of him and his distinguished service, we are unmistakably a stronger and a better Nation.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2004 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 3

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for Fiscal Year 2005 and the future years defense program.

SH-216

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine fund operations and governance relating to current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry.

SD-538

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget proposals.

SD-608

2 p.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine workforce issues relating to preserving a strong United States Postal Service.

SD-342

FEBRUARY 4

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar items.

SD-366

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine AIDS and hunger.

SD-419

Governmental Affairs

To continue hearings to examine workforce issues relating to preserving a strong United States Postal Service.

SD-342

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine President's fiscal year 2005 budget request.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget proposals.

SD-608

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's Health and Human Services budget priorities.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, William S. Duffey, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Lawrence F. Stengel, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Economic Policy Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine national flood insurance repetitive losses.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 1354, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, S. 1575, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, H.R. 1092, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, S. 1778, to authorize a land conveyance between the United State and the City of Craig, Alaska, S. 1819, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries, and H.R. 272, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 5

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's rules on national bank preemption and visitatorial powers.

SD-538

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine maintaining confidence in consumer products relating to mad cow disease.

SD-430

FEBRUARY 9

10 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security's budget for fiscal year 2005.

SD-342

FEBRUARY 10

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To resume hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for Fiscal Year 2005 and the future years defense program.

SR-325

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

2 p.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2005 Department of Veterans Affairs' budget.

SR-418

FEBRUARY 11

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget request.

SR-485

FEBRUARY 12

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget proposals.

SD-608

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 24

2 p.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans.

SH-216

MARCH 2

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years defense program.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget for the Forest Service.

SD-366

MARCH 4

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, and the Blinded Veterans Association.

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MARCH 10

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SH-216

MARCH 18

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Air Force Sergeants Association,