

year off to coach the USA Olympic softball team, which went on to take the gold medal.

Senator MCCAIN and I introduce this resolution today so that this body can send a well-deserved congratulations to the University of Arizona Wildcats and their coach for the hard work and skill they demonstrated in winning the championship.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 245) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 245

Whereas on June 6, 2007, the University of Arizona (UA) Wildcats of Tucson, Arizona, won the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's College World Series Softball Championship by defeating the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers by a score of 5 to 0, winning their 8th title since 1991;

Whereas, in the championship game, UA pitcher Taryne Mowatt set a Women's College World Series record by pitching 60 innings and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player;

Whereas Kristie Fox, Jenae Leles, and Caitlin Lowe were selected to be on the all-tournament team;

Whereas the UA Wildcats completed the season with a 50-14-1 record, climbing from the loser's bracket to emerge victorious; and

Whereas Coach Mike Candrea has taken the UA Wildcats to the Women's College World Series 19 times over the last 20 years, and won 8 national championship titles: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Arizona Wildcats for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Softball Championship; and

(2) recognizes all the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in this achievement.

CONGRATULATING THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 246, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 246) congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the National Basketball Association Championship.

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

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 246) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 246

Whereas on June 14, 2007, the San Antonio Spurs (Spurs) won their fourth National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship since 1999 by defeating the Cleveland Cavaliers 4 to 0;

Whereas Tony Parker won his first NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award after shooting 57 percent for the series and averaging 24.5 points per game;

Whereas Spurs Head Coach Gregg Popovich added to his growing legacy by winning his fourth NBA championship;

Whereas Spurs owner and Chief Executive Officer Peter Holt and General Manager R.C. Buford have built the San Antonio Spurs into 1 of the best organizations in NBA history;

Whereas the Spurs hold an all-time record of 16 wins and 6 losses in the NBA Finals;

Whereas the Spurs have the best winning percentage in NBA Finals history;

Whereas the Spurs are committed to serving the San Antonio community by promoting education, achievement, and civic responsibility; and

Whereas the Spurs are the pride and joy of the City of San Antonio: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2007 National Basketball Association Championship; and

(2) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit 1 enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Hutchison for presentation to the San Antonio Spurs.

SUPPORTING THE IDEALS AND VALUES OF THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 185 and that the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 185) supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic movement.

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

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 185) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 185

Whereas, for over 100 years, the Olympic Movement has built a more peaceful and better world by educating young people through athletics, by bringing together athletes from many countries in friendly competition, and by forging new relationships bound by friendship, solidarity, sportsmanship, and fair play;

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee is dedicated to coordinating and developing athletic activity in the United States to foster productive working relationships among sports-related organizations;

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee promotes and supports athletic activities involving the United States and foreign countries;

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee promotes and encourages physical fitness and public participation in athletic activities;

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee assists organizations and persons concerned with sports in the development of athletic programs for able-bodied and disabled athletes regardless of age, race, or gender;

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee protects the opportunity of each athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, and official to participate in athletic competition;

Whereas athletes representing the United States at the Olympic Games have achieved great success personally and for the Nation;

Whereas thousands of men and women of the United States are focusing their energy and skill on becoming part of the United States Olympic Team and aspire to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China;

Whereas the Nation takes great pride in the qualities of commitment to excellence, grace under pressure, and good will toward other competitors exhibited by the athletes of the United States Olympic Team; and

Whereas June 23, 2007, is the anniversary of the founding of the Modern Olympic Movement, representing the date on which the Congress of Paris approved the proposal of Pierre de Coubertin to found the Modern Olympic Games: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the ideals and values of the Olympic Movement; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe the anniversary of the founding of the Modern Olympic Movement with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEN'S CREW TEAM

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 247, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 247) commending the University of Washington Men's Crew, the 2007 Intercollegiate Rowing Association Champions.

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

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, today I congratulate the members of the University of Washington Men's Crew Team, which won the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship on June 2, 2007 at Copper River in New Jersey.

The Washington Huskies came to the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship Regatta with great expectations. All season, the team was ranked No. 1 in the Nation and was ranked as the top seed at the regatta.

And the University of Washington delivered.

The men's varsity eight raced down the 2,000 meter course to a first place finish with a time of 5:33.16, holding off advances from Stanford and Harvard. This is the first time since 1997 that the Huskies have won the varsity eight race and marks the 12th varsity eight national championship for the University.

In addition, the second varsity eight and open four boats also earned gold medals, finishing their races in 5:43.02 and 6:26.44 respectfully. The Huskies freshman eight also found themselves on the podium stand, finishing third in their race.

In addition to these individual boat success stories, the Husky men exhibited teamwork by winning the overall points championship and capturing the Ten Eyck Trophy for the first time since 1970. The University of Washington amassed 216 points, followed by Harvard with 191, and California with 190.

The Huskies have been competing in the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship Regatta since 1913. I am proud that this group of young men has continued this tradition of competition and success at this year's championship and they should be commended for their determination, work ethic, and heart.

Once again, I would like to congratulate the members of the University of Washington Men's Crew Team for their impressive achievement.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 247) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 247

Whereas crew is the oldest intercollegiate sport in the United States, dating back to 1852;

Whereas the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship, which began in 1895, is the oldest college rowing championship in the United States and is 1 of the most prestigious championships in collegiate rowing;

Whereas the University of Washington first attended the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship in the 1913;

Whereas the Washington Huskies Men's Crew Team was the number 1 ranked team in the United States all season and entered the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships as the top seeded team;

Whereas the University of Washington's varsity eight, second varsity eight, and open four each won gold medals in their respective races, and the freshman eight took home the bronze medal;

Whereas this is the 12th varsity eight title won by University of Washington at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships, and the first such win by the Huskies since 1997;

Whereas the Huskies also won the Ten Eyck Trophy for the first time since 1970 by winning the overall points championship;

Whereas the entire University of Washington Men's Crew Team should be commended for demonstrating determination, work ethic, attitude, and heart; and

Whereas the members of the Men's Crew Team have brought great honor to themselves, their families, the University of Washington, and the State of Washington: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Washington Men's Crew Team for winning the 2007 Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship and acquiring the Ten Eyck Trophy; and

(2) recognizes the achievements of the rowers, coaches, and staff whose skill, discipline, and dedication allowed them to reach such heights.

THE CALENDAR

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for the Senate to proceed, en bloc, to the consideration of the following calendar items: Calendar No. 154, S. Res. 132; Calendar No. 174, H. Con. Res. 76; Calendar No. 192, S. Res. 82; Calendar No. 194, S. Res. 173; Calendar No. 200, S. Res. 105; and Calendar No. 201, S. Res. 215.

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

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, en bloc, the preambles be agreed to, en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, that consideration of these items appear separately in the RECORD and any statements related thereto be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

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

RECOGNIZING THE CIVIL AIR PATROL FOR 65 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES

The resolution (S. Res. 132) recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States was considered and agreed to. The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 132

Whereas the Civil Air Patrol was established on December 1, 1941, in the Office of Civilian Defense;

Whereas during World War II the volunteer units of the Civil Air Patrol conducted search and rescue missions, provided air transportation for military personnel and cargo, towed targets for the training of Army Air Corps gunners, and patrolled the coasts of the United States searching for enemy submarines;

Whereas by the end of World War II the Civil Air Patrol had flown more than 500,000 hours, sunk 2 German U-boats, and saved hundreds of crash victims;

Whereas on July 1, 1946, the Civil Air Patrol was chartered by the United States as a nonprofit, benevolent corporation;

Whereas on May 26, 1948, the Civil Air Patrol was permanently established as a volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force;

Whereas since 1942 the cadet programs of the Civil Air Patrol have trained more than

750,000 youth, providing them with leadership and life skills;

Whereas since 1942 the Civil Air Patrol has flown more than 1,000,000 hours of search and rescue missions, saving several thousand lives; and

Whereas since 1951 the aerospace education programs of the Civil Air Patrol have provided training and educational materials to more than 300,000 teachers, who have educated more than 8,000,000 students about aerospace: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL YEAR

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 76) honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments, was considered and agreed to. The preamble was agreed to.

H. CON. RES. 76

Whereas the year 2007–2008 is the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) of 1957–1958;

Whereas the IGY initiated the Space Age with the successful launch of the first artificial satellites, Sputnik by the former Soviet Union, and Explorer I by the United States;

Whereas the interdisciplinary approach of IGY and the use of new space-based platforms enabled fundamental changes in the conduct of research concerning the Earth and its surrounding space environment;

Whereas the interdisciplinary approach of IGY enabled coordinated, synchronous, global observations and measurements of the Earth, oceans, atmosphere, ice, and near-Earth space environment;

Whereas the IGY increased our understanding of the causes of magnetic storms, ionospheric disturbances, and the origins of cosmic rays;

Whereas the use of new space-based platforms enabled the discovery of the Van Allen radiation belts, which are trapped, charged particles in the Earth's upper atmosphere, showed that those particles form belts of energy around the Earth, and contributed to the understanding of the Northern Lights;

Whereas the IGY, involved thousands of scientists from 67 nations;

Whereas the IGY, which occurred during the height of Cold War tensions, facilitated international cooperation in science and helped lead to the Antarctic Treaty, which established the use of Antarctica for peaceful purposes and promoted continued, cooperative scientific investigations on the continent;

Whereas the IGY led to the creation of institutional structures that continue to promote and enable the international exchange of scientific research related to the Earth and space, including the International Council on Science's Committee on Space Research (COSPAR), Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), and Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR); and

Whereas this 50th anniversary celebration offers as an opportunity to inspire our public and youth to build on the legacy of success of the IGY, recognizing that a coordinated, international approach to interdisciplinary scientific challenges such as climate change, high energy physics, and space exploration contributes to the advancement of knowledge and sustains the cooperative spirit and