

As we stand in awe at what you have met,
with what your most magnificent heart
accepts!

As you so battle through all of your pain and
heartache, as our world you so bless
. . . until none is left!

As now we so understand,
In courage's face! For what the true meaning
the word beauty stands!

Brought to us through a young patriot's
heart, one of our Lord's greatest of
works of art . . . this Man!

So bless you our most gallant of all ones . . .
If ever I have a child, a boy . . . I hope but
pray, he could be like you most splen-
did one!

As to where the true meaning of beauty runs,
a reflection of our Lord in all you've
done!

In The Face of Courage!

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO THE OREGON STATE BEAVERS

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, as a proud Oregonian and a proud member of "Beaver Nation," I congratulate Coach Pat Casey and the Oregon State University baseball team, who for the second straight year have brought home to Corvallis from the College World Series in Omaha, NE, the NCAA Baseball Championship trophy.

By defeating the University of North Carolina in the championship, the Beavers have joined the elite group of college baseball teams who claim consecutive national championships. What's more, the Beavers swept to the title with the most lopsided scores in College World Series history.

As impressive as the Beaver's athletic accomplishments are, even more impressive is the type of individuals they are. Each and every time a Beaver was interviewed, they didn't speak about themselves, they spoke about the team. They spoke of heart, character, and giving it your best.

Oregonian Columnist John Canzano wrote, "What you didn't see on the field Sunday was the pediatrics unit of Nebraska Medical Center. Coach Casey toured the place with players, visiting sick children this week. . . . What you probably didn't see where thousands of fans from Iowa and Nebraska who were dressed in orange, and cheering for Oregon State because they identify with hard-working, salt-of-the-earth over-achievers and couldn't help themselves."

I am delighted to join with my colleague Senator WYDEN in submitting this resolution extending the congratulations of the United States Senate to Oregon State University, and I urge my colleagues to visit OregonLive.com to read touching stories about this truly inspiring team.

Allow me to specifically mention the names of all the coaches and players who have made my State so very proud: Head Coach Pat Casey, Associate Head Coach Dan Spencer, Assistant Coach Marty Lees, Volunteer Assistant Coach David Wong, and players

Erik Ammon, Darwin Barney, Hunter Beaty, Scotty Berke, Reed Brown, Brian Budrow, Mitch Canham, Bryn Card, Brett Casey, Jackson Evans, Kyle Foster, Drew George, Mark Grbavac, Chad Hegdahl Chris Hopkins, Koa Kahalehoe, Greg Keim, Blake Keitzman, Josh Keller, Eddie Kunz, Joey Lakowske, Lonnie Lechelt, Jordan Lennerton, Mike Lissman, Anton Maxwell, Jake McCormick, Chad Nading, Jason Ogata, Ryan Ortiz, Joe Paterson, Tyrell Poggemeyer, Joe Pratt, Jorge Reyes, Scott Santschi, Kraig Sitton, Alex Sogard, Dale Solomon, Michael Stutes, Daniel Turpen, John Wallace, Braden Wells and Joey Wong.●

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA KERR

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me for a moment as I reflect on the many accomplishments of Barbara Kerr, who has just stepped down as president of the California Teachers Association. Barbara's dedication to California's teachers is matched only by her dedication to California's schoolchildren.

Barbara Kerr began her career in education as a first grade teacher at Woodcrest Elementary School in Riverside, CA. After a very long involvement with the California Teachers Association, she took the reins as its president 4 years ago. During her presidency, Barbara has had an intimate hand in six statewide elections, and she has been on the winning side in most of them. Her success can be attributed to her boundless energy, her ability to connect across the political spectrum, her keen insight, and her passion for giving every child the best possible educational opportunities.

Last year, the Los Angeles Times named Barbara Kerr the third most powerful person in southern California, ranking her well ahead of both business leaders and elected officials. And the Los Angeles Times was right. Barbara has led the California Teachers Association through some of the most turbulent times in California's history and has done so with a clear aim to put California schools and their teachers and students first.

Barbara is retiring from both the California Teachers Association and from teaching. I know that teachers across California will miss her strong leadership, and I will miss her perspective and wisdom on issues of education and more. But Barbara is also considering where the future may lead, and I can only hope that she will continue to stay involved and stay active. Where ever the future leads her, I know that Barbara will continue putting the needs of our children first.●

REMEMBERING DR. NATHAN CARLINER

• Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to the life and legacy of

Dr. Nathan Carliner. Dr. Carliner was a well-respected cardiologist who practiced at the Baltimore Veterans Affairs Medical Center and a professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He will be remembered for his commitment to his patients, his colleagues, and his students, as well as his devotion to friends and family.

Dr. Carliner was born in Baltimore and raised on South Road in Mount Washington. He followed in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Paul Carliner, who was also a doctor and codiscovered Dramamine in 1947. After his father's untimely death at just 46 years old, Nathan decided to devote his life to medicine. He was a 1958 Gilman School graduate and earned a bachelor of science degree at Johns Hopkins University. He went on to graduate from Hopkins Medical School in 1965.

After completing his internship and residency, Dr. Carliner joined the Army Medical Corps. He was medical service chief at the 3rd Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, MASH, at Binh Thuy in the Mekong Delta during the Vietnam war. After the war, Dr. Carliner studied cardiology and advanced electrocardiography before moving back to Baltimore in the 1970s. Once he returned to his hometown, Nathan continued his service both to his state and his country. He was a full professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and he was associate chief of cardiology and director of noninvasive cardiology services at the veterans hospital.

Dr. Carliner was known not just for his professionalism and his experience but also for his calming demeanor and his commitment to mentoring medical students and postgraduate trainees. Nathan touched so many lives and made many great contributions both to his field and to his colleagues.

Nathan Carliner's death is a tragedy. Yet his life was a triumph. I offer my heartfelt condolences to his family—his brother Mark, his sister Esther Carliner Viro, and his four nephews, particularly Paul Carliner, who worked in my office for over 12 years and who shares his uncle's commitment and dedication to helping others.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this extraordinary man.●

RECOGNIZING HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

• Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the City of Hastings, NE, for being named "America's Greenest City" by Yahoo, Inc., the online search engine. During a time when people around the world are concerned about energy security and environmental quality, they need look no further than the city of Hastings as a perfect example of what a community can do to help clean up the environment.

Hastings, with a population of 25,000, located in south-central Nebraska, has just won Yahoo's "Be a Better Planet—

Greenest City in America" challenge, beating 350 other cities across the Nation which had entered the competition. Some of the environmental projects accomplished by the city of Hastings include conversion of methane to energy at its pollution control center, production of E85 ethanol, installation of energy-efficient street lighting, and creation of an extensive network of parks and hiking and biking trails.

Hastings, NE, the birthplace of Kool-Aid, is in the heart of farm country, which most certainly contributed to its environmentally sound policies. Farmers have always been leaders when it comes to being good stewards of the land, water, and air.

For its efforts, Yahoo offered the city of Hastings its choice of either a fleet of hybrid taxi cabs, similar to those donated to New York City during the campaign's kickoff on May 14, 2007, or the equivalent cash donation. Hastings, which has signed the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, selected the latter in order to further its environmental programs and become an even greener city. In addition to the top prize awarded to Hastings, the top five cities are being rewarded with deliveries of thousands of energy-efficient compact fluorescent lightbulbs, compliments of Yahoo.

Hastings mayor Matt Rossen plans to solicit ideas from residents for future projects, and Global Green USA will also work with the city of Hastings to identify potential city greening projects, such as expansion of renewable energy programs and energy-efficient renovations for city buildings.

As Nebraska's Senator, I am extremely proud of Hastings, NE, which has shown an outstanding commitment to the development of renewable and sustainable energy solutions for protecting the environment, improving health, and saving money. In commending the city of Hastings, NE, for being named America's Greenest City, I wish to highlight the sentiments expressed by Yahoo's cofounder, David Filo, who said, "The determined green spirit demonstrated by the people of Hastings, Nebraska, underscores Yahoo's belief that individual actions can add up to significant change."

RECOGNIZING KATIE BEHRENS

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Katie Behrens, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Katie is a graduate of Lincoln Senior High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently she is attending the University of Tennessee-Martin, where she is majoring in political science and public relations. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Katie for

all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come. ●

RECOGNIZING JAN CHRISTENSEN

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jan Christensen, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Jan is a graduate of Mitchell High School in Mitchell, SD. Currently she is attending the University of South Dakota, where she is majoring in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jan for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come. ●

RECOGNIZING KIMBERLY HEINEMANN

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Kimberly Heinemann, an intern in my Washington, DC office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Kimberly is a graduate of Flandreau High School in Flandreau and Augustana College in Sioux Falls where she received a bachelor of arts in biology with a minor in chemistry. This fall she will begin studying at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kimberly for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come. ●

RECOGNIZING ADAM KLIPPENSTEIN

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Adam Klippenstein, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Adam is from Oral, SD, and a graduate of the Academy of the New Church in Bryn Athyn, PA. Currently he is attending Briar Cliff University, where he is majoring in political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Adam for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come. ●

RECOGNIZING KELSEY MILLER

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Kelsey Miller, an intern in

my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Kelsey is a graduate of Belle Fourche High School in Belle Fourche, SD. Currently she is attending Dakota Wesleyan University, where she is majoring in public service and leadership and church music. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kelsey for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come. ●

RECOGNIZING BADGER, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Badger, SD. The town of Badger will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Since its beginning in 1907, Badger has been a strong reflection of South Dakota's values and traditions. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that Badger will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 100 years.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Badger on their anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come. ●

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LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge Louisiana Tech University for its scientific breakthrough and innovation in the department of nanotechnology. I would like to take a few moments to expand on Louisiana Tech's achievements and wish the facility and student body continued success.

Nanotechnology is the art of manipulating materials on an atomic and molecular level, and Louisiana Tech University has risen to the top of this scientific threshold. This year a trade magazine, *Small Times*, ranked LA Tech third in micro and nanotechnology education. *Small Times* evaluated each college based on various criteria, and Louisiana Tech surfaced as one of