

Whereas the Gym Dogs have made 26 consecutive appearances in the NCAA gymnastics championships;

Whereas the 2009 Gym Dogs's overall record was an amazing 32-1;

Whereas the 2009 Gym Dogs also achieved the highest team GPA at the University of Georgia, 3.36;

Whereas the gymnastics team's coach, Suzanne Yoculan, will retire as the most successful collegiate gymnastics coach in NCAA history; and

Whereas Coach Suzanne Yoculan has, in 19 of her 26 years as head coach at the University of Georgia, taken her squad to an SEC title, an NCAA title, or both: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Georgia gymnastics team for winning the 2009 NCAA women's national championship;

(2) recognizes that the Gym Dogs have won more national championships than any other gymnastics program in the Nation; and

(3) congratulates Suzanne Yoculan for a spectacular career as the University of Georgia's gymnastics coach.

CONGRATULATING THE TRINITY COLLEGE BANTAMS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 120 submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 120) congratulating the Trinity College Bantams for their 11th-straight College Squash Association Men's Team Championship.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 120) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 120

Whereas, on February 23, 2009, the Trinity College Bantams defeated the Princeton University Tigers, 5 games to 4, in the final match of the College Squash Association Men's Team Championship tournament;

Whereas the Bantams have won 11 national championships in a row;

Whereas the Bantams have won 202 straight matches, the longest winning streak in collegiate sports history;

Whereas junior Baset Chaudry, down 5-0 in the final game with the match tied 4-4, rallied to score 9 straight points and clinch the title for the Bantams;

Whereas seniors Gustav Detter and Manek Mathur, junior Baset Chaudry, sophomore Parth Sharma, and freshman Vikram Malholtra were named to the College Squash Association All-America First Team, and sophomores Randy Lim and Andre Vargas were named to the Second Team;

Whereas, on March 1, 2009, junior Baset Chaudry won the College Squash Association's Men's Individual Championship;

Whereas the diverse roster of the Bantams, which includes players from the United States, India, Jamaica, Pakistan, Sweden, Colombia, and Malaysia, highlights the diversity of Trinity College and the commitment of Trinity College to fostering cultural understanding;

Whereas Coach Paul Assainte has earned acclaim from his players for his role as coach and mentor and for underscoring the values of humility and respect for one's opponents and teammates; and

Whereas each player, coach, and staff member of the Trinity College Bantams demonstrates a strong commitment to the pursuit and achievement of excellence: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Trinity College Bantams for their historic 11th-straight College Squash Association Men's Team Championship; and

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, and support staff who were instrumental in the Bantams' victory.

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the nomination of John Morton, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, reported by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Monday, April 27, now be referred to the Judiciary Committee for a period of 30 calendar days; that at the end of the 30 days, if the Committee on the Judiciary has not reported the nomination, then it be automatically discharged and placed on the Executive Calendar.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to P.L. 110-229, the appointment of the following to be members of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: Susan Gonzales of Washington, D.C.; Moctezuma Esparza of California; Carlos Ezeta of Nevada; and Katherine Archuleta of Colorado (non-voting member).

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 30; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period of morning business for up to 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled

between the two leaders, or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the second half; further, that following morning business, the Senate consider S. 896, the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009, as provided for under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, Senators should expect the first vote to occur at or about 2:30 p.m. That vote would be in relation to an amendment I will offer relating to bankruptcy.

We were also able to reach an agreement to consider the nomination of Thomas Strickland to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, with up to 3 hours for debate prior to a vote.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:53 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 30, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ANDREW CHARLES WEBER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR NUCLEAR AND CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAMS, VICE FREDERICK S. CELEC.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PETER M. ROGOFF, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR, VICE JAMES S. SIMPSON, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ERIC P. GOOSBY, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR AT LARGE AND COORDINATOR OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES TO COMBAT HIV/AIDS GLOBALLY.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MARTHA J. KANTER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, VICE SARA ALICIA TUCKER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

KEVIN W. CONCANNON, OF MAINE, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR FOOD, NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES, VICE NANCY MONTANEZ-JOHNER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ROBERT M. GROVES, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE CENSUS, VICE STEVEN H. MURDOCK, RESIGNED.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Wednesday, April 29, 2009:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APRIL S. BOYD, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROBERT S. RIVKIN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

ROY W. KIENITZ, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR POLICY.

PETER H. APPEL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE RESEARCH AND INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

DANA G. GRESHAM, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

JOSEPH C. SZABO, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SHERBURNE B. ABBOTT, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS VICE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 47:

To be Vice Admiral

VICE ADM. DAVID P. PEKOSKE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 50A:

To be Vice Admiral

REAR ADM. JOHN P. CURRIER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

To be Rear Admiral (Lower Half)

CAPT. ROBERT E. DAY, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMANDER, PACIFIC AREA OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 50:

To be Vice Admiral

REAR ADM. JODY A. BRECKENRIDGE

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RONALD H. WEICH, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

IN THE COAST GUARD

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF MICHAEL J. MCNEIL, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF DESARAE A. JANSZEN, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.