

England's outstanding football player, and becoming Boston University's first All-American in football. Upon his graduation, he was offered a lucrative contract to play football for the Cleveland Browns but chose instead to sign with the Red Sox so he could remain near his widowed mother.

Here are a few stories that illustrate the character of this young man and the esteem in which he is held.

While still a student in 1953, Harry Agganis was inducted into the new Boston University Hall of Fame. He declined gifts of a car and \$4,000 from his classmates and instead asked that the cash equivalent be put toward establishing a scholarship for Greek-American students with financial need.

On June 6, 1954, he homered at Fenway Park and scored the winning run as the Red Sox beat the Detroit Tigers. Following the game, he changed into a cap and gown in the Sox clubhouse, ran down Commonwealth Avenue in time for the graduation ceremonies on the B.U. campus, and received his bachelor's degree in education.

As the 1955 season opened, he was off to a good start, but on June 2 he was hospitalized with pneumonia. He rejoined the team 10 days later but fell ill again. He died on June 27 of a pulmonary embolism. Ten thousand mourners attended his wake.

His career was brief, but his name lives on. In 1956, a 1,000-seat baseball facility, Harry Agganis Stadium, was dedicated in his honor at Camp Lejeune, NC, where he served. A memorial plaque placed at the field reads, "Endowed with peerless talent, Corporal Agganis exemplified the finest in competitive spirit and sportsmanship. An All-American football player, and later a professional baseball player, his outstanding accomplishments in the field of athletics were an inspiration to other Marines who served and were teammates with him during his career in the Marine Corps."

He was inducted posthumously into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1974. In 1995, Gaffney Street in Boston was re-named Harry Agganis Way. In 2004, Agganis Arena was dedicated in his honor on the Boston University campus. Each year, members of the New England Sportswriters Association present the Harry Agganis Award to the outstanding New England college football senior.

His character and accomplishments have been set to music by a talented songwriter and devoted Red Sox fan in Bangor, ME, named Joe Pickering, Jr. Joe recently retired after 30 years of dedicated service as executive director of Community Health and Counseling Services in Bangor. It is my pleasure to have printed his inspiring lyrics into the RECORD:

THE GOLDEN GREEK

Time washes away people who depart
You who remain cherish heroes of the heart
They seldom grace earth but, not for long
The Golden Greek lives in this song

Too many athletes spell team as m-e
The Golden Greek knew team meant only we
This All-American truly stood apart
The Golden Greek was simply pure of heart
Four hundred churches honored for forty days

The man who touched many hearts in so many ways
Fifty thousand said goodbye as his church choir
Sang love for the man who set the sports world afire

Harry Agganis stirred heart and soul
Did God take him so he would never grow old?

Heroes live forever though Harry died young
The song of the Golden Greek will always be sung

Thousands of marines in the Carolina sun
Named a field for the marine who left no deed undone

The first Olympic heroes won olive wreaths
His silver wreath from the king and queen of Greece

The seventh child of immigrants born in Lynn
Learned playing the game right was the way to win

He hit major league pitching at fourteen years of age
Then went on to glory on the sports page

This Hall of Famer scrambled forty yards from the pocket
He threw feather passes or shots like a rocket

Though he looked and played like a Greek god

This flesh and blood hero was one with the lord

He gave to the poor and church, gifts he received

Harry lived the golden rule, as he believed
His smile warm and bright like sunshine in July

Why at twenty-six did this Red Sox star die?
The NFL played games in honor of his name
All for a man who never played a pro game
He planned to play for the Sox and the NFL
What might have been only God can tell
This hero of the heart was like no other
His last words: were "take care of my mother"

In the pantheon of sports, the Golden Greek reigns

His mem'ry glowing like the Olympic flame

TRIBUTE TO LATOYA LUCAS

• Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Latoya Lucas of Colorado Springs, who will be awarded today with the 2009 Tony Snow Public Service Award. This distinction was created to "honor extraordinary individuals who are passionate about serving their country while dealing courageously with debilitating intestinal diseases and ostomy surgery."

In 2003, Latoya was a new mother and an Army specialist serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom when her humvee was attacked by rocket-propelled grenades. She thankfully survived the incident, but her injuries resulted in a colostomy and 2 years of intensive rehabilitation. Latoya's brave service has been recognized by such honors and distinctions as the Purple Heart Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Soroptimist International Woman of Distinction Award. In 2005, she became the first female recipient of the Mili-

tary Order of the Purple Heart's Reagan V Patriot of the Year Award.

After her retirement from the Army, Latoya became a motivational speaker and writer to share her remarkable story with others and encourage people to draw strength from their struggles. Latoya's book, "The Immeasurable Spirit: Lessons of a Wounded Warrior about Faith and Perseverance," received the Gold Medal Award from the Military Writers Society of America. Additionally, Latoya is the chair of the Wounded Warrior Welcome Home Social. She has inspired so many others to draw strength from adversity. As Latoya has said, "There are so many soldiers who come back home with injuries and untold numbers having ostomy surgery. I answer questions they have and show them that they can lead a full life with an ostomy."

There are thousands of veterans and Active-Duty members who call Colorado home, a fact that is a source of pride for me. Coloradans like Latoya are a testament to the bravery and strength of our veterans and their remarkable ability to deal with life-changing injuries. Latoya has become a leader and a source of strength for fellow citizens who face similar injuries, and I want to thank her for her service to this country. I am proud to have this opportunity to share just some examples of Latoya's bravery and achievements, and I congratulate her and the other Great Comebacks Award recipients.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 3820. An act to reauthorize Federal natural hazards reduction programs, and for other purposes.

At 6:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 239. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3820. An act to reauthorize Federal natural hazards reduction programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4868. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2009 Financial Report of the U.S. Government"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4869. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Housing Associates, Core Mission Activities and Standby Letters of Credit Rule" (RIN2590-AA33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4870. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (75 FR 5890)" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4871. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4872. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility for Failure to Maintain Adequate Floodplain Management Regulations" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4873. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (75 FR 6120)" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4874. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Amendments to Rules 201 and 200(g) of Regulation SHO—Short Sale-Related Circuit Breaker That Imposes a Short Sale Price Restriction" (RIN3235-AK35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4875. A communication from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Director for Financial Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties; Adjustment for Inflation" (RIN0605-AA27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4876. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closed Captioning of Video Programming, Order Suspending Effective Date" (FCC 09-71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4877. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4878. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a fiscal year 2009 report relative to the General Service Administration's Alternative Fuel Vehicle program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4879. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan Regulations" (RIN0648-AW51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4880. A communication from the Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Computerized Tribal IV-D Systems and Office Automation" (RIN0970-AC32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4881. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to its operations and financial condition; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4882. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2010 Trade Policy Agenda and 2009 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4883. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4884. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the

export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Russia relative to the design, manufacture, and repair of the RD-180 Liquid Propellant Rocket Engine Program in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4885. A communication from the Acting Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4886. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties Under ERISA Section 502(c)(8)" (RIN1210-AB31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4887. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of Inspector General, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General of the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Patricia A. Hoffman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

*Larry Persily, of Alaska, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects for the term prescribed by law.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 3060. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for thorium fuel cycle nuclear power generation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 3061. A bill to amend part B of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve 21st Century Community Learning Centers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3062. A bill to extend credits related to the production of electricity from offshore wind, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.