

Jamelle Elliott, the junior from Washington's inner city whom Coach Geno Auriemma calls their rock, battled for rebounds and banked in a shot, and Nykesha Sales, the smooth but sometimes nervous freshman, hit a key 3-pointer.

Then Lobo struck, again and again: she hit a spin shot, threw in a drive, sank a jumper from the left side, and then another from the right side, and Connecticut was back in the ball game, 3 points off the lead, with seven minutes to go.

"When the game is on the line," said Pat Summitt, the Tennessee coach, "you naturally go to your all-American."

One recalled the time last year when Rebecca learned that her mother had breast cancer, and she broke down in tears. Her mother said, "You do what you have to do, and I'll take care of my end."

RuthAnn's cancer is in remission, and she never misses a game, because Becca says she always wants her there.

And so it seemed not unusual for Rebecca to be taking responsibility, on or off the court. RuthAnn remembers a significant moment, when Rebecca was 6 years old, and had taken an eraser from the home of Mrs. Lukasik, a neighbor in Southwick, Mass.

"I told Rebecca that the eraser wasn't hers, and she had to return it," RuthAnn said. "And I watched as she walked, sobbing, to Mrs. Lukasik's house. It broke my heart to see it, but I think it helped her understand right from wrong. And to think about other people."

If there was one criticism Coach Auriemma had of Lobo, it is that she has sometimes thought too much about other people. He had wished her at times to be more selfish, to shoot more. But the blend was there in this game.

And now on the free-throw line she had a chance to ice the proceedings. Lobo made her first free throw and with that her teammates on the floor mobbed her. RuthAnn, in section 129 and seated beside Dennis, clasped her hands in anticipation of the second free throw.

Rebecca bent, perched the ball near her ear, and let it go. It sailed right through the hoop, giving Connecticut the lead, at 67-62, that they would not relinquish.

Shortly after the victory, it was announced that Lobo had been named the outstanding player in the Final Four.

It was a hugely satisfying comeback for the Huskies, for a couple sitting in section 129 and for Becca Lobo. The fans cheered, the band blasted, and the team zealously cut down the nets.

As for Mrs. Lukasik, one imagines that she still has her eraser and the memory of a little girl who grew up to become a national champion.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF FREDERICK BENSON OF BLOCK ISLAND, RI

Mr. CHAFFEE. Mr. President, it is my honor and privilege to pay tribute to Mr. Frederick Benson of Block Island, RI, in recognition of his one-hundredth birthday on April 14, 1995.

In the 92 years Fred has lived on Block Island, since arriving as an orphan in 1903, he has immersed himself in almost every level of community activity on this small, close-knit island. His impressive list of efforts on behalf of the community include service as the island civil defense director for 12 years, police commissioner, first cap-

tain of the local rescue squad, and president of the Chamber of Commerce five times. In recognition of his selfless devotion he was chosen as Block Island's Man of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in 1972.

But it is the children of this picturesque wind-swept island, 11 miles off the Rhode Island coast, that have benefited the most from Fred's unbounded generosity. After winning the lottery in 1976, Fred announced the money would go into a scholarship fund for worthy Block Island students. Since 1977, scores of Block Island High School graduates have been awarded Fred Benson scholarships.

Many Block Islanders have fond memories of Fred from their school days. Beginning as the island's high school baseball coach, Fred went on to teach auto shop, carpentry, machine repair, and driver instruction until he retired at the age of 69. His contributions to the youth of Block Island have extended to many generations, and the island is richer for it.

I commend Mr. Benson for his years of selfless community service and wish all the best to him and his many island friends. Mr. Benson is a truly remarkable man and a distinguished educator. I am proud to honor him on this joyous occasion.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARTHA HANSON KILPATRICK

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the best teachers I ever had, Martha Kilpatrick. She taught me at Colbert County High School and has kept in touch over the years by attending my town meetings in Reform, AL, her hometown, and by sending me letters and news clippings from time to time. She is a dear friend to me, and I know she had a great deal to do with guiding me at an early age and pointing me in the right direction. Her wisdom, advice, and encouragement were helpful to me not only as a student long ago, but also throughout the several stages of my career.

It might surprise my colleagues to learn that I still have former teachers who are alive and well, but Martha is indeed among them. On April 25, she will turn 80, and Reform is planning a gala celebration of this milestone in her life, to take place on the 22d at the Methodist Church there. She will be surrounded by many friends and family members, each of whom have been influenced by Martha in special and unique ways.

Martha Hanson was born in Columbus, MS, and as a baby moved with her family to Carrollton, AL, where she spent her formative years. Her family later moved to Reform, where she graduated high school. That same year, she entered Alabama College at Montevallo, now the University of Montevallo, where she majored in education. Her entire career was spent as a teacher in Alabama and Georgia. Her husband, Wilbur Kilpatrick, was born

and raised in Reform, and although they lived in a variety of places during their married life, Reform was always home to them.

Martha continued her own education in Atlanta, earning her masters degree and teaching in that school system for many years. When their children, Kay and Joe, were grown, Martha and Wilbur retired and moved back to the quiet peace of their roots in Reform, where she remains today. She has three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Her home is a virtual museum of the things she has collected over the years—bottles, stamps, salt and pepper shakers, antique Christmas ornaments, pictures, linens, glassware, and books. Her husband has passed away, and Martha lives alone in the large, comfortable museum of her life. She stays busy doing things for others, as she has always done.

One of Martha's great characteristics is making and keeping friends. She is perhaps her local post office's best private customer, keeping an active correspondence with friends and family all over the world, including myself. She never forgets birthdays, anniversaries, special holidays, and her cards saying "Get well soon" or "With deepest sympathy" are always the first to arrive when a crisis hits.

Martha Hanson Kilpatrick has been one of the true treasures of my life and the lives of many others. I am proud to commend her on an outstanding life, one that has been lived out in the best American tradition, her nurturing of young minds, and her sincere love for family and friends, whom she counts as her most valuable collection of all. As she turns 80 later this month, I trust those many family members and friends will reflect on the outstanding qualities this extraordinary lady has exhibited throughout her life. We can all learn from her.

#### ALABAMA BUSINESS CONNECTIONS 1995

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, each year, the Alabama Minority Supplier Development Council holds a major event known as Alabama Business Connections. This year, it will be held in Birmingham June 27-29, when more than 5,000 individuals and businesses will be actively participating.

During Alabama Business Connections, suppliers and purchasing personnel from majority and government organizations network and exchange information in order to develop mutually-beneficial business opportunities. This important event also furthers the year-round efforts of the Alabama Minority Supplier Development Council. The council is dedicated to providing economic and educational opportunities for certified suppliers and corporate-government members.

I am proud to call the attention of my Senate colleagues to the vital work