

HONORING THE DETROIT RED
WINGS

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the 1997 Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Red Wings. After 42 years of frustration and near misses, on Saturday night a week ago the Red Wings completed a 4-0 sweep of the powerful Philadelphia Flyers and brought the most coveted trophy in professional sports back to the city known by hockey fans across North America as "Hockeytown."

My wife, Barbara, and I had one of the most thrilling experiences of our lives when we were able to attend the game. Our daughter, Erica, came with in a whisker of coming to Detroit from New York but ended up glued to her TV instead, with our daughter, Laura, 800 miles away. With our daughter, Kate, watching in Ann Arbor, the family was together, electronically watching history in the making. The outpouring of positive emotion after the game was almost as memorable as the game itself! The long drought was finally over and Detroit's fans poured forth into the streets all across Michigan to whoop it up.

The Detroit Red Wings are one of the most successful teams in hockey history. An "Original Six" franchise, today's team is rooted in the tradition of hockey legends like Sid Abel, Ted Lindsay, Terry Sawchuck, and the greatest player ever to lace up skates, Gordie Howe. Their numbers have been retired and hang on banners from the rafters of Joe Louis Arena, reminding today's players and fans of glory years past.

The 1996-97 Red Wings won the Stanley Cup because of an organizationwide commitment to excellence. That commitment begins at the top with team owners Mike and Marian Ilitch, and is matched only by their dedication to the city of Detroit. When Mike and Marian purchased the team 15 years ago, the Wings regularly missed the playoffs and gave away a car at each home game to put fans in the seats. Their perseverance, dedication to winning and commitment to the city of Detroit have paid off with their Stanley Cup triumph.

The Red Wings' tremendous victory was truly a team effort, but a few individuals deserve a special mention. Coach Scotty Bowman won his seventh Stanley Cup, and became the first coach in NHL history to win the cup with three teams. Mike Vernon, the Red Wings' veteran goalie, earned the Conn Smythe trophy as the most valuable player in the playoffs with his stellar netminding. But this victory may mean the most to Red Wings Captain Steve Yzerman, one of the classiest professional athletes one could ever meet. Steve was drafted 14 years ago and was named team captain 11 years ago, making him the longest serving captain with the same team in the NHL. He has carried his team, and the often weighty hopes of Red Wings

fans, on his shoulders with dignity and grace. My congratulations go to Mike and Marian Ilitch, Scotty Bowman, Mike Vernon, Steve Yzerman, Jimmy Devellano; and players Doug Brown, Mathieu Dandenault, Kris Draper, Sergei Fedorov, Viacheslav Fetisov, Kevin Hodson, Tomas Holmstrom, Mike Knuble, Joey Kocur, Vladimir Konstantinov, Vyacheslav Kozlov, Martin LaPointe, Igor Larionov, Nicklas Lidstrom, Kirk Maltby, Darren McCarty, Larry Murphy, Chris Osgood, Jamie Pushor, Bob Rouse, Tomas Sandstrom, Brendan Shanahan, Tim Taylor and Aaron Ward.

I would like to extend my congratulations as well to the Philadelphia Flyers for a well-played series. Their strength and power gave the Red Wings a tough battle.

Last Friday, after a week of celebration which saw 1 million people fill Hart Plaza and Woodward Avenue for the Red Wings' victory parade, Hockeytown met with tragedy as three members of the team were involved in a limousine accident. Two of the Wings' famous "Russian Five," Vladimir Konstantinov and Slava Fetisov, as well as the team's masseur, Sergei Mnatsakanov, were seriously injured. Today, Vladimir and Sergei are each in a coma with critical head injuries. Slava, thankfully, is listed in good condition with chest injuries. Vladimir, a finalist for the Norris Trophy as the National Hockey League's top defenseman, and Slava, a 39-year-old known to his teammates as "Papa Bear," are fan favorites around the league. Hockey fans in the Detroit area and across North America are praying for the full recovery of all three men.

Mr. President, the Detroit Red Wings showed people around the world what it takes to be a champion. I know my colleagues will join me in extending the congratulations of the entire U.S. Senate to the 1997 Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Red Wings and also send our hopes and prayers for the full recovery of all those injured last Friday night.●

CORRECTIONS TO STATEMENT OF
MANAGERS ACCOMPANYING CON-
FERENCE REPORT ON FISCAL
YEAR 1998 BUDGET RESOLUTION

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask that the following errata sheet correcting minor errors that occurred in the printing of the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at this point. Further, I would like to draw the attention of my colleagues to the printing error in the table which shows the section 302 allocation (5-year total) for the Committee on Governmental Affairs on page 148. In order to avoid the costs of a Star Print, the correct number is included on the errata sheet and that is the level which will be used for the purpose of determining Budget Act violations.

The material follows:

CORRECTIONS

In the report:

On page 57, for the 1998 Budget Resolution Conference Agreement Function Totals, the off-budget budget authority for Undistributed Offsetting Receipts for the year 2000 should read "-9.1".

On page 58, for the 1998 Budget Resolution Conference Agreement Function Totals, the off-budget outlays for Undistributed Offsetting Receipts for the year 2000 should read "-9.1".

On page 58, for the 1998 Budget Resolution Conference Agreement Function Totals, total budget authority for Undistributed Offsetting Receipts for the year 2001 should read "-50.1".

On page 58, for the 1998 Budget Resolution Conference Agreement Function Totals, total outlays for Undistributed Offsetting Receipts for the year 2001 should read "-50.1".

On page 107, under section 203 of the Senate amendment, the following text: "The agreement creates an allowance of \$9.2 billion in budget authority with an associated, but unspecified, amount of outlays to be released by the Budget committees when the Appropriations committees report bills that provide for renewal of Section 8 housing assistance contracts that expire in 1998. The conference agreement assumes that the amount of the allowance to be released (estimated to be \$3.436 billion for outlays) will not be reduced to the extent that the appropriations and authorizing committees produce Section 8 savings that were proposed in the President's 1998 budget." should be placed on page 108 under section 203 of the Conference agreement.

On page 148, for the Senate Committee Budget Authority and Outlay Allocations Pursuant to Section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act 5-Year Total: 1998-2002, entitlements funded in annual appropriations, the outlays for Governmental Affairs should read "33".●

VICTIMS' RIGHTS CLARIFICATION
ACT OF 1997

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I want to thank my colleague Senator NICKLES for introducing the Victims' Rights Clarification Act of 1997. I believe this important legislation will help victims of crime exercise their deserved rights.

The 104th Congress did much to ensure that victims are no longer casualties of a skewed justice system where their voices are often ignored. This year, we are picking up where we left off in standing up for the innocent. I am proud to join several of my colleagues in cosponsoring this legislation.

The purpose of the Victims' Rights Clarification Act of 1997 is really quite simple. This act will guarantee that victims of crime may be present at public court proceedings, barring their presence will not be a detriment to his or her testimony. Frankly, I am disheartened it takes an act of Congress to reaffirm this right. But, I am pleased we are making progress in correcting these deficiencies in America's legal system.

The devastation of lives in the Oklahoma City bombing and the senseless acts of violence occurring in our neighborhoods every day gives this Chamber