

suffered child abuse or neglect, and the reports of abuse or neglect were substantiated for approximately 872,000 of the children;

Whereas in 2004, 1,490 children died tragically as a result of abuse;

Whereas research from the United States Children's Bureau of the Department of Health and Human Services shows that a greater amount of caseworker contact with children and parents results in better outcomes for families;

Whereas child protective service agencies throughout the country have set goals in order to improve service quality, including the agencies in New York, whose goal is to maintain caseloads at an average of 12 cases per caseworker, with a maximum of 5 new cases per caseworker each month;

Whereas research on child welfare service staff suggests the need for staff that have formal social work education, especially education obtained through specialized child welfare programs; and

Whereas research on child welfare service staff has shown a link between a supportive and flexible organizational environment and reduced staff turnover: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) Congress should increase funding to provide for additional child welfare service caseworkers and associated administrative costs;

(2) Congress should encourage States to set goals for decreasing caseloads of child welfare service caseworkers, in order to ensure quality service for the most vulnerable children; and

(3) Congress should encourage States to implement policies with increased educational and professional development expectations for caseworkers in child welfare service agencies.

SENATE RESOLUTION 567—HONORING THE DETROIT SHOCK ON WINNING THE 2006 WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 567

Whereas, on Saturday, September 9, 2006, the Detroit Shock won the 2006 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Championship by defeating the defending champion Sacramento Monarchs by a score of 80 to 75;

Whereas the Detroit Shock triumphed in 5 highly competitive championship games, going into the final championship game with 1 win and 1 loss in Michigan and 1 win and 1 loss in California;

Whereas the Detroit Shock were able to celebrate the tenth year of the WNBA and the eighth year of the Detroit Shock with an inspiring victory in the fifth championship game that secured their second WNBA championship in 4 years;

Whereas the attendance at the final championship game at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Michigan, of over 19,600 people and the enthusiasm shown by the people of Michigan clearly demonstrate Michigan's strong support for the Detroit Shock organization and the determined effort of all the team's players;

Whereas the Detroit Shock completed an incredible season, capped by spectacular performances in the final championship game by the Most Valuable Player of the 2006 WNBA Finals, Deanna Nolan, who, with a total of 24 points, led the game in points

scored, Cheryl Ford, who led the game in rebounds, recovering 10 rebounds in addition to scoring 10 points, and Katie Smith, who scored 17 points;

Whereas each member of the Detroit Shock organization made meaningful contributions to the team's success, including players Jacqueline Batteast, Kara Braxton, Swin Cash, Cheryl Ford, Kedra Holland-Corn, Deanna Nolan, Plenette Pierson, Elaine Powell, Ruth Riley, Katie Smith, and Angelina Williams, Head Coach Bill Laimbeer, Assistant Coaches Cheryl Reeve and Rick Mahorn, Athletic Trainer Mike Perkins, and the owner of the Detroit Shock, Bill Davidson;

Whereas Detroit Shock Head Coach Bill Laimbeer has won 4 professional basketball titles, including 2 as the coach of the Detroit Shock and 2 as a player for the Detroit Pistons;

Whereas Detroit Shock owner Bill Davidson's 2 Detroit basketball teams have won 5 championship titles; and

Whereas the Detroit Shock demonstrated superior strength, skill, and perseverance during the 2006 season and have made the City of Detroit and the entire State of Michigan proud: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Detroit Shock on winning the 2006 Women's National Basketball Association Championship and recognizes all the players, coaches, staff, fans, and others who were instrumental in this great achievement; and

(2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Detroit Shock for appropriate display.

SENATE RESOLUTION 568—CONGRATULATING THE COLUMBUS NORTHERN LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, FOR WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 568

Whereas, on August 28, 2006, the Columbus Northern Little League team defeated the Kawaguchi Little League team of Kawaguchi City, Japan, by 2 runs to 1 run to win the 60th annual Little League Baseball World Series;

Whereas the Columbus Northern Little League team is only the 2nd team from the State of Georgia to win the Little League Baseball World Series in the 60-year history of that tournament;

Whereas the Columbus Northern Little League team had an impressive record of 20 wins and only 1 loss;

Whereas, although no other pitcher in the history of the Little League Baseball World Series had ever won more than 3 games during the tournament, Kyle Carter made history by striking out 11 batters in the championship game to earn his 4th win of the Little League Baseball World Series;

Whereas the success of the Columbus Northern Little League team depended on the tremendous dedication and sportsmanship of the team, including—

(1) Matthew Hollis, who played 2nd base and centerfield;

(2) Ryan Lang, who played right field;

(3) Mason Meyers, who played right field and 3rd base;

(4) Matthew Kuhlenberg, who played left field;

(5) Patrick Stallings, who played 3rd base;

(6) Josh Lester, who played 2nd base and shortstop;

(7) Brady Hamilton, who played 1st base, outfield, and pitched for the team;

(8) Cody Walker, who caught for the team;

(9) Kyle Carter, who pitched for the team;

(10) J.T. Phillips, who played shortstop and pitched for the team; and

(11) Kyle Rovig, who played left field and pitched for the team;

Whereas the Columbus Northern Little League team was managed by Randy Morris and coached by Richard Carter, each of whom demonstrated leadership, professionalism, and respect for the players who they led and the game of baseball;

Whereas the fans of the Columbus Northern Little League team showed enthusiasm, support, and courtesy for the game of baseball and all of the players and coaches;

Whereas the performance of the Columbus Northern Little League team demonstrated to parents and communities throughout the United States that athletic participation builds character and leadership in children; and

Whereas the Columbus Northern Little League team brought pride and honor to the State of Georgia and the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates and honors the Columbus Northern Little League team and the loyal fans who supported the team on winning the 60th annual Little League Baseball World Series;

(2) recognizes and commends the hard work, dedication, determination, and commitment to excellence of the members, parents, coaches, and managers of the Columbus Northern Little League team;

(3) recognizes and commends the people of Columbus, Georgia, for the outstanding loyalty and support that they displayed for the Columbus Northern Little League team throughout the season;

(4) commends Little League Baseball for continuing the tradition of encouraging the development of sportsmanship and confidence in youth by sponsoring world-class baseball; and

(5) respectfully requests that—

(A) the American people recognize the achievements of the Columbus Northern Little League team; and

(B) the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(i) the City of Columbus; and

(ii) each player, manager, and coach of the Columbus Northern Little League Baseball team.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED & PROPOSED

SA 4929. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes.

SA 4930. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4954, *supra*.

SA 4931. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. DEWINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4954, *supra*.

SA 4932. Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4954, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4933. Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R.