

of Representative Mink's heroic, visionary, and tireless leadership in developing and winning passage of title IX; and

Whereas while title IX has been instrumental in fostering 35 years of progress toward equality between men and women in educational institutions and the workplace, there remains progress to be made, Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate celebrates—

(1) the accomplishments of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, also known as the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, in increasing opportunities for women and girls in all facets of education; and

(2) the magnificent accomplishments of women and girls in sports.

SUPPORTING GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL CLEAN BEACHES WEEK

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 243, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 243) supporting the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week.

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

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

The resolution (S. Res. 243) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 243

Whereas coastal areas produce 85 percent of all United States tourism dollars and are the leading tourism destination in America;

Whereas over 50 percent of the population of the United States lives in coastal counties;

Whereas the beaches in these coastal counties provide recreational opportunities for numerous Americans and their families who, together with international tourists, make almost 2,000,000,000 trips to the beach each year to fish, sunbathe, boat, swim, surf, and bird-watch;

Whereas beaches are a critical driver of the American economy and its competitiveness in the global economy;

Whereas beaches represent a critical part of our natural heritage and a beautiful part of the American landscape;

Whereas beaches are sensitive ecosystems, susceptible to degradation and alteration from natural forces, sea level rise, pollution, untreated sewage, and improper use;

Whereas members of the Government, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations, along with citizen volunteers, have worked diligently to clean up and protect our beaches over the years;

Whereas great strides have been made in understanding the science of watersheds and the connections between inland areas and coastal waters;

Whereas the Federal Government should develop science-based policies that are commensurate with that knowledge; and

Whereas a 7-day week, commencing in June and including July 5, will be observed as National Clean Beaches Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week;

(2) recognizes the value of beaches to the American way of life and the important contributions of beaches to the economy, recreation, and natural environment of the United States; and

(3) encourages Americans to work to keep beaches safe and clean for the continued enjoyment of the public and to engage in activities during National Clean Beaches Week that foster stewardship, healthy living, and volunteerism along our coastlines.

NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 244, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 244) designating June 2007 as "National Safety Month."

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

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 244) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 244

Whereas the National Safety Council, founded in 1913, is celebrating its 94th anniversary as the premier source of safety and health information, education, and training in the United States in 2007;

Whereas the mission of the National Safety Council is to educate and influence people to prevent accidental injury and death;

Whereas the National Safety Council was congressionally chartered in 1953 and is celebrating its 54th anniversary as a congressionally chartered organization in 2007;

Whereas the National Safety Council works to promote policies, practices, and procedures leading to increased safety, protection, and health in business and industry, in schools and colleges, on roads and highways, and in homes and communities;

Whereas, even with advancements in safety that create a safer environment for the people of the United States such as new legislation and improvements in technology, the number of unintentional injuries remains unacceptable;

Whereas the people of the United States deserve to live in communities that promote safe and healthy living;

Whereas such a solution requires the cooperation of all levels of government, as well as the Nation's employers and the general public;

Whereas the summer season, traditionally a time of increased accidental injuries and fatalities, is an appropriate time to focus attention on injury risks and preventions; and

Whereas the theme of "National Safety Month" for 2007 is "Celebrating Safe Communities"; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 2007 as "National Safety Month"; and

(2) recognizes the accomplishments of the National Safety Council and calls upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and respect.

CONGRATULATING THE ARIZONA WILDCATS

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 245, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 245) congratulating the University of Arizona Wildcats for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Softball Championship.

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

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, today I am pleased to join with Senator McCAIN in support of this resolution to acknowledge the athletic achievement of a tremendous group of young women. On June 6, the University of Arizona women's softball team won the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Softball Championship. By defeating the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers 5 to 0, the Wildcats claimed their 8th title since 1991.

The victory was a team effort that was marked by a number of special accomplishments. Taryne Mowatt, pitcher for the Wildcats, set a Women's College World Series record by pitching 60 innings and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. Centerfielder Caitlin Lowe had a record-tying 4 hits in the national title game. Shortstop Kristie Fox tied the record with 12 hits in the series. On 4 occasions Fox faced the best pitcher in the country, Tennessee's Monica Abbott. Second baseman Chelsie Mesa can take credit for hitting a 3-run home run off Abbott to break open the game and send the Wildcats to victory. Taryne Mowatt, Kristie Fox, Jenae Leles, and Caitlin Lowe were selected to be on the all-tournament team because of the skill they demonstrated during the tournament. Other Wildcats making important contributions include Adrienne Acton, Sarah Akamine, K'Lee Arredondo, Callista Balko, Sam Banister, Cyndi Duran, Lauren Erb, Samantha Hoffman, Jill Malina, Lisa Odom, Danielle Rodriguez, and Laine Roth.

The team's success was guided by their coach, Mike Candrea, who just completed his 22nd season as coach of the University of Arizona softball program. A highly decorated coach, Candrea has won 18 coach-of-the-year honors. He boasts a 1,131 to 228 overall win-loss record. In 2004, Candrea took a

year off to coach the USA Olympic softball team, which went on to take the gold medal.

Senator MCCAIN and I introduce this resolution today so that this body can send a well-deserved congratulations to the University of Arizona Wildcats and their coach for the hard work and skill they demonstrated in winning the championship.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 245) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 245

Whereas on June 6, 2007, the University of Arizona (UA) Wildcats of Tucson, Arizona, won the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's College World Series Softball Championship by defeating the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers by a score of 5 to 0, winning their 8th title since 1991;

Whereas, in the championship game, UA pitcher Taryne Mowatt set a Women's College World Series record by pitching 60 innings and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player;

Whereas Kristie Fox, Jenae Leles, and Caitlin Lowe were selected to be on the all-tournament team;

Whereas the UA Wildcats completed the season with a 50-14-1 record, climbing from the loser's bracket to emerge victorious; and

Whereas Coach Mike Candrea has taken the UA Wildcats to the Women's College World Series 19 times over the last 20 years, and won 8 national championship titles: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Arizona Wildcats for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Softball Championship; and

(2) recognizes all the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in this achievement.

CONGRATULATING THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 246, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 246) congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the National Basketball Association Championship.

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

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 246) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 246

Whereas on June 14, 2007, the San Antonio Spurs (Spurs) won their fourth National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship since 1999 by defeating the Cleveland Cavaliers 4 to 0;

Whereas Tony Parker won his first NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award after shooting 57 percent for the series and averaging 24.5 points per game;

Whereas Spurs Head Coach Gregg Popovich added to his growing legacy by winning his fourth NBA championship;

Whereas Spurs owner and Chief Executive Officer Peter Holt and General Manager R.C. Buford have built the San Antonio Spurs into 1 of the best organizations in NBA history;

Whereas the Spurs hold an all-time record of 16 wins and 6 losses in the NBA Finals;

Whereas the Spurs have the best winning percentage in NBA Finals history;

Whereas the Spurs are committed to serving the San Antonio community by promoting education, achievement, and civic responsibility; and

Whereas the Spurs are the pride and joy of the City of San Antonio: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2007 National Basketball Association Championship; and

(2) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit 1 enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Hutchison for presentation to the San Antonio Spurs.

SUPPORTING THE IDEALS AND VALUES OF THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 185 and that the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 185) supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic movement.

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

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 185) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 185

Whereas, for over 100 years, the Olympic Movement has built a more peaceful and better world by educating young people through athletics, by bringing together athletes from many countries in friendly competition, and by forging new relationships bound by friendship, solidarity, sportsmanship, and fair play;

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee is dedicated to coordinating and developing athletic activity in the United States to foster productive working relationships among sports-related organizations;

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee promotes and supports athletic activities involving the United States and foreign countries;

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee promotes and encourages physical fitness and public participation in athletic activities;

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee assists organizations and persons concerned with sports in the development of athletic programs for able-bodied and disabled athletes regardless of age, race, or gender;

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee protects the opportunity of each athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, and official to participate in athletic competition;

Whereas athletes representing the United States at the Olympic Games have achieved great success personally and for the Nation;

Whereas thousands of men and women of the United States are focusing their energy and skill on becoming part of the United States Olympic Team and aspire to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China;

Whereas the Nation takes great pride in the qualities of commitment to excellence, grace under pressure, and good will toward other competitors exhibited by the athletes of the United States Olympic Team; and

Whereas June 23, 2007, is the anniversary of the founding of the Modern Olympic Movement, representing the date on which the Congress of Paris approved the proposal of Pierre de Coubertin to found the Modern Olympic Games: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the ideals and values of the Olympic Movement; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe the anniversary of the founding of the Modern Olympic Movement with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEN'S CREW TEAM

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 247, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 247) commending the University of Washington Men's Crew, the 2007 Intercollegiate Rowing Association Champions.

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

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, today I congratulate the members of the University of Washington Men's Crew Team, which won the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship on June 2, 2007 at Copper River in New Jersey.

The Washington Huskies came to the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship Regatta with great expectations. All season, the team was ranked No. 1 in the Nation and was ranked as the top seed at the regatta.

And the University of Washington delivered.