Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the University of Washington softball team on their 2009 NCAA National Championship.

On June 2, led by National Player of the Year Danielle Lawrie and head coach Heather Tarr, the Huskies earned their first title in a thrilling 3–2 victory over the University of Florida Gators.

The win caps an amazing 51–12 season that saw the team capture the hearts and minds of the entire region. Facing challenges and setbacks throughout the season, the team found the courage and determination needed to break through to highest achievement in college softball.

Following the game, National Player of the Year Danielle Lawrie added to her already lengthy resume when she was selected as the Most Outstanding Player of the College World Series. She was joined on this year’s First-Team All-America team by teammate Ashley Charlton who closed out her Husky career with her third All-America selection.

However, it was not individuals who won this championship; it was a team. The commitment and passion of each and every player has turned the University of Washington into one of the most feared softball teams in the Nation. This season marks the 16th straight postseason appearance by the Huskies. Competing in the indisputably toughest conference in America, the Pac-10, the University of Washington has steadily climbed into the ranks of softball’s elite.

At a time when budget shortfalls are forcing universities across the Nation to eliminate athletic programs, the University of Washington softball team stands as a testament to the role of athletics in our schools. These are not superstars headed to lucrative paychecks; they are committed student-athletes who dedicate themselves every day on the field and in the classroom.

I recognize for the league-leading seven Huskies named to the Pac-10 All-Academic team: Morgan Stuart, Amanda Fleischman, Alyson McWherter, Ashlyn Watson, Ashley Charters, Marnie Koziol and Alicia Blake.

Congratulations once more to our newest national champions, the University of Washington Huskies. Go Dawgs!

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 8; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Speaker who has the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of Calendar No. 47, H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, as a reminder, the filing deadlines are 3 p.m. Monday for first-degree amendments and 4:30 p.m. Monday for second-degree amendments. The next vote will occur on Monday at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:32 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 8, 2009, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

JULIA AKINS CLARK, OF MARYLAND, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. VICE COLLEEN DUFFY KIKO, RESIGNED.

HERNIST W. DUBEKER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2014. VICE DALE CABANISS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PREET SHARARA, OF NEW YORK TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS. VICE MI- CHAEL J. GARCIA, RESIGNED.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED ARE APPOINTED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

LT. GEN. RAYMOND E. JOHNS, JR.
IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED ARE APPOINTED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

LT. GEN. HOWZE MARTIN.
IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED ARE APPOINTED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

In the Army

The following nominated officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated are appointed to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Robert W. Cone
In the Air Force

The following nominated officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated are appointed to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Brig. Gen. Douglas J. Robb
In the Navy

The following nominated officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated are appointed to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be captain

Vincent G. Auth
Kurt J. Brockman
Scott A. Curitich
S. L. Gunning
Sheebraaz A. Hartzell
Kurt Hummeldorf
Jesse W. Lee, Jr.
Browland E. Mcovy
Brant E. Neuberger
William N. Norman
Michael T. Roncone
Martha P. Villalobos

The following nominated officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be captain

Saldador Aguilera
Nevilla B. F. Bradbury
Arthur M. Brown