

year. The Lady Vols won the collegiate women's basketball crown and today stand at the top of the A.P. poll for the 1998-99 season with 40 of 41 first place votes.

Tennessee has the fourth-winningest program in major college football this decade and has won back-to-back Southeastern Conference (SEC) championships. This year's Fiesta Bowl marked their tenth consecutive bowl appearance. The Vols finished 13 and 0 and ranked number one in the nation after winning the Bowl Championship Series title game.

Mr. President, many of my colleagues had their own home-state favorites and I congratulate them on their seasons as well. But Mr. President back home in Tennessee, we are very, very proud of the Vols. We're proud of coach Phillip Fulmer and his staff. We're proud of the scholar-athletes. We're proud of the parents and the friends and the faculty who support them and out-numbered Florida State fans at the Fiesta Bowl by more than three to one.

This is just about as flawless a season of athletic performance as you're ever going to see, and we're fortunate in Tennessee to have this tremendous program and these gifted, talented young people. This is a team which started the year with a new quarterback and then lost its top running back four games into the season. They came together and it seemed that each game produced a different hero and somebody was always there to make a big play at a crucial moment.

Five different Vols earned SEC Player of the Week honors this season. Quarterback Tee Martin was named Offensive Player of the Week after completing an NCAA record 23-of-24 passes for 315 yards against South Carolina and setting a single-game record for completion percentage at 95.8. Receiver Peerless Price snagged Offensive Player of the Week when he caught a pass for a career-high 181 yards and one score in a win over Mississippi State.

And on defense, linebacker Al Wilson broke records by forcing three fumbles against Florida. Defensive end Shaun Ellis returned an interception 90 yards for a touchdown against Auburn, and defensive back Deon Grant stole the spotlight with a key interception in a game against Georgia. All three were named SEC Defensive Player of the Week for their individual achievements.

Mr. President, I would especially like to acknowledge the tremendous coaching job of Phillip Fulmer, who played offensive guard for Tennessee from 1969 to 1971, and who has led the team for seven winning seasons. Coach Fulmer has the highest winning percentage of any Tennessee coach, and is the winningest active coach in the country.

So today, I congratulate them. With that kind of coaching, talent and an

ability to work powerfully as a team, it's not hard to see why the Tennessee Vols have come so far this season.

Mr. President, I know many of my colleagues have experienced this kind of excitement and pride with teams from their own states. And I know they appreciate just how proud we are in Tennessee to get bragging rights for this season.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. 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 statements regarding the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 21) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 21

Whereas the University of Tennessee Volunteers football team (referred to in this resolution as the "Tennessee Volunteers") defeated the Florida State University Seminoles on January 4, 1999, at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona, to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-A football championship;

Whereas the Tennessee Volunteers completed the 1998 football season with a perfect record of 13 wins and 0 losses;

Whereas the Tennessee Volunteers defeated the Mississippi State University Bulldogs to claim the 1998 Southeastern Conference football championship;

Whereas the Tennessee Volunteers' Coach Phillip Fulmer, his staff, and his players displayed outstanding dedication, teamwork, selflessness, and sportsmanship throughout the course of the season to achieve collegiate football's highest honor; and

Whereas the Tennessee Volunteers have brought pride and honor to Tennessee: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Tennessee Volunteers football team on winning the 1998 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-A football championship; and

(2) commends the University of Tennessee Volunteers football team for its pursuit of athletic excellence and its outstanding accomplishment in collegiate football in winning the championship.

ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that today's RECORD remain open until 6 p.m. for the introduction of bills and statements.

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

JOINT SESSION OF THE TWO HOUSES—ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I ask unanimous consent that the President of the Sen-

ate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m. this evening, Tuesday, January 19, 1999.

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

AMERICA AT A MORAL CROSSROADS

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I have sent to the desk a slate of legislation that addresses a number of our Nation's most pressing social problems. I have introduced a great many of these bills in prior Congressional sessions and Senators who have been around for a while will find these proposals familiar.

Nonetheless, I shall devote a few minutes to explain the importance of these bills and why it is so crucial to address permissive social policies that are creating a moral and spiritual crisis in our country.

I am delighted, Mr. President, that our Nation's economy has grown and prospered for the last two years—helped along, not incidentally, by the responsible fiscal policies insisted upon by the Republican Congress. But the good news on the financial pages is too often overshadowed by utterly horrifying stories elsewhere, stories which detail a moral sickness at the heart of our culture, stories which chronicle the devaluation of human life in our society, symbolized by the tragic 1973 Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*.

The most notorious of these appalling stories was the episode involving a young New Jersey woman who in May of 1997 gave birth to an infant in a public bathroom stall during her senior prom. She then strangled her newborn baby boy, placed the body in a trash can, adjusted her makeup, and returned to the dance floor.

Mr. President, this chilling tale cries out that something is badly wrong in the culture that produced it. The American people were justifiably stunned by the furor surrounding this crime—and they are surely even more shocked to learn that this is not an isolated incident.

Consider this: In November of 1997, in Tucson, Arizona, a 15-year-old boy found a newborn in a 3-pound coffee can. After an investigation, police arrested the boy's sister, then 19 years of age. She had given birth to the baby and promptly drowned it in the toilet, covered its little head with a plastic ice cream wrapper, wrapped the body in a flannel shirt and hidden it. She said she had intended to bury it later.

Despite these largely uncontested facts, an Arizona jury—browbeaten into submission by a defense team suggesting that its client was in fact the