At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 664, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against income tax to individuals who rehabilitate historic homes or who are the first purchasers of rehabilitated historic homes for use as a principal residence.

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 800, a bill to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9–1–1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9–1–1 service, support of States in upgrading 9–1–1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 861, a bill to designate certain Federal land in the State of Utah as wilderness, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 915, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand and make permanent the medicare subvention demonstration project for military retirees and dependents.

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 956, a bill to establish programs to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner.

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

At the request of Ms. Mikulski, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1203, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend authorizations of appropriations for programs under the Act through fiscal year 2004, to establish the National Family Caregiver Support Program, to modernize aging programs and services, to address the need to engage in life course planning, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1211, a bill to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner.

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1293, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FINST) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1272, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1293, a bill to establish a Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Board.

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the Senator from Nevada (Ms. HAGEL), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 95, a resolution designating August 16, 1999, as “National Airborne Day.”

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 99, a resolution designating November 20, 1999, as “National Survivors for Prevention of Suicide Day.”

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. Sessions) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 118, a resolution designating December 12, 1999, as “National Children’s Memorial Day.”

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 128, a resolution designating March 2000, as “Arts Education Month.”

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 32
At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DACSHILE) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 32, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the guaranteed coverage of chiropractic services under the Medicare-Choice program.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 34
At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 34, a concurrent resolution relating to the observance of “In Memory” Day.

SENATE RESOLUTION 55
At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROGERS), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 95, a resolution designating August 16, 1999, as “National Airborne Day.”

SENATE RESOLUTION 99
At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 99, a resolution designating November 20, 1999, as “National Survivors for Prevention of Suicide Day.”

SENATE RESOLUTION 118
At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. Sessions) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 118, a resolution designating December 12, 1999, as “National Children’s Memorial Day.”

SENATE RESOLUTION 128
At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 128, a resolution designating March 2000, as “Arts Education Month.”

SENATE RESOLUTION 164—CONGRATULATING THE BLACK BEARS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE FOR WINNING THE 1999 NCAA HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP
Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

WHEREAS the Black Bears of the University of Maine defeated the Wildcats of the University of New Hampshire by a score of 3 to 0 in overtime in Anaheim, California, on April 3, 1999, to win the 1999 NCAA hockey championship;
Whereas the Maine Black Bears finished their season with an impressive record of 31-6-4, losing only 1 game at home:

Whereas the Maine Black Bears have brought the NCAA hockey championship home to Maine for the second time this decade:

Whereas the Maine Black Bears coaching staff and players displayed outstanding dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the season to achieve collegiate hockey’s highest honor; and

Whereas the Maine Black Bears have brought pride and honor to the State of Maine:

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the Black Bears of the University of Maine for winning the 1999 NCAA hockey championship.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the president of the University of Maine.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the University of Maine Black Bear hockey team—winner of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I hockey championship for the second time this decade.

Mr. President, collegiate athletics have been an important part of the educational experience for generations. As an adjunct to academics, collegiate sports at their best teach the values of teamwork, the virtues of good sportsmanship, the lessons of disappointment, and the joys of personal as well as collective achievement.

Collegiate sports also bring communities and entire states together. In Maine, there are few places charged with the level of excitement and comradery you’ll find in Orono’s Alfond Arena, where the action is close, the play intense, and the pride palpable.

But you don’t need to be at the Alfond to feel the excitement. All Over Maine, families gather to watch their team and cheer “Go Blue!”—from Fort Kent to Calais to Cumberland to Kittery.

And this year especially, the Black Bears gave us a lot to cheer about. With a 31, 6 and 4 record, the 1998-1999 Maine Black Bears hockey team clearly played to win—and achieved that goal with remarkable regularity. And with only one loss coming at home, the Black Bears at Alfond were almost as sure a thing as snow in January.

In the playoffs—which included three New England Teams—the Black Bears continued to thrill all of Maine, rewarding audiences with college hockey as it was meant to be played.

Maine’s players never gave in and they never gave up. Unyielding in their play, but first and foremost themselves to the very end, Maine clinched the championship in a hard-fought, well-played overtime game against a superb University of New Hampshire team. And at that moment, Mainers near and far—even those who didn’t attend my alma mater—could say that they were a part of the experience, and proud of the exceptional team they came to see.

So it is an honor for me to commend each and every member of the Black Bear team—not only for their tremendous commitment to personal excellence, but also to the success of the entire team.

In particular, seniors Steve Kariya, Marcus Gustafsson, Jason Vitorino, Bobby Stewart, and David Cullen thrilled us with their outstanding play and their remarkable leadership. And Maine’s goalie, junior Aflie Michaud, deserves special mention for stopping an astounding 46 shots—a feat that rightfully brought him the honor of being named the tournament’s most valuable player.

Finally, I applaud the Black Bear coaching staff for a job well done. You can’t win without the fundamentals, and Maine’s coaches certainly had this team prepared to take the ice—just ask their opponents. But perhaps most importantly, every one of these players who were talented in their own right and made them into something even far more formidable—a singular, unstoppable force that would not be denied in its quest to become the very best.

Mr. President, there is something about excellence, especially at the highest levels of competition, that elevates all those who come in contact with it. And the magic of a sport like hockey is that, even if you have never strapped on a skate, never taken a slapshot, never iced a puck, never scored a hat trick, you’re amazed by the passion of those who do. You’re inspired by the athleticism and artistry. And you come to believe that perhaps we all have the potential for greatness, if only we are willing to work hard enough and care deeply enough to pursue our dreams.

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