

numerous moves before they finally settled down in Lexington, and they have helped sustain Bill during his demanding career at Keeneland. A third generation horseman, Bill has seen first-hand what it takes to simultaneously work the track and raise a family—and he has happy, successful children to prove he made it work.

Thank you, Bill, for putting so much of yourself into Keeneland to make it a better place for others. Your hard work and successes have become your legacy, and will continue to impact the entire horse industry for years to come. My colleagues join me in congratulating you on a job well done, and wish you all the best as you enter this new stage in life. ●

TRIBUTE TO LEBANON CLOWNS

● Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, on June 18, 1999, Tennessee-based Lebanon Clowns celebrated their inaugural reunion at their Baseball Team Roundup in Lebanon. The Negro League baseball team gathered for the first time in over thirty years to reminisce about their youthful baseball exploits. The Clowns were a favorite among Lebanon's African-American community as they played teams from Birmingham, Alabama, Pontiac, Michigan and Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Negro Leagues were an integral part of American baseball history. A product of segregated America, it gave opportunity where opportunity did not exist. The teams were professional, pre-integration black baseball leagues in which the level of play was considered to be the equal of play in major league baseball. The first stable black league was the Negro National League organized in 1920 by Andrew "Rube" Foster. This league, as well as the recognized Negro National League—created by Gus Greenlee in the early 1930s—and the Negro American League, are universally regarded as having offered the highest level of play among African-American players of the day.

During the 1940s the Negro National and Negro American leagues reached their highest point of popularity and financial success. While fans dreamed of watching their stars compete in major league play, the eventual realization of this dream meant the end of both leagues. Some historians contend that the Negro Southern League and Texas Negro League, as well as several of the stronger independent teams during the 1920s and 1930s, offered major league caliber play.

The Negro National League folded under financial pressures at the end of the 1948 season. The Negro American League continued play into the late 1950s, but was no longer a stable circuit. As the talent pool of black baseball was absorbed into the integrated major and minor leagues, Negro League team owners were left without

a product of sufficient quality to attract fans to the ballpark.

Baseball history would not be complete without recognizing Negro League teams such as the Philadelphia Stars, Newark Eagles, Bacharach Giants, Nashville Elite Giants, St. Louis Stars, and the Memphis Red Sox. The Negro Leagues brought us such great players as Willie Mays, Henry Aaron, Satchel Paige, Smokey Joe Williams, and Jackie Robinson. The players and teams of the Negro Baseball League have become a fundamental part of American culture and are forever woven into the fabric of professional baseball. The surviving players, some now in their seventies, are still as filled today with pride and love for the game as they were when they were young rookies on dusty sandlots.

So today, I pay tribute to the Negro League by recognizing the deceased and surviving players and managers of the Lebanon Clowns, Negro League baseball team:

John Forris "Bigblue" Griffith; Harry "Hammerhead" Harris, Jr.; Tommy "Red-eye" Humes; Robert Earl "Smiley" Smith; Gilbert "Sunny" Oldham; Robert Oldham; Teddy "Mutt" Owens; Claude Britton; Bob "Woods" Oldham; L.D. "Zeak" Ward.

George McGown, Jr.; Jerry "Foots" Oldham, Sr.; Robert L. "Pondwater" McClellan; Betty Lou Oldham; Bob White; Price Logue; Norton Whitley; Roy L. Clark; Kenny Andrews.

James Shannon; Lee R. Rhodes; Carl Gilliam; Lonnie Gilliam; Howard Walker; Eddie Muirhead; Charles Walker; Pot Walker.

Herman Denny; James H. Carter; Walter "Rabbit" Hastings; Robert Pincky; Charlie McAdoo; Jelly Walker; John C. Martin; Junior Donnell; Frank Simpson; Lonnie Neuble.

Buck Hunt; Richard "Boosem" Owens; Elmer Draper; James Turner; Arthur Turner; C.D. Woodmore; Sammy Woodmore; Mose Alexander; James Harrison; Delmes Jackson.

Thomas Tubbs; Honey Johnson; John Dockins; Charlie B. Hill; Thomas Hill; Joe L. Rhodes; Fred Clark; Ramond Roberts.

President: Thelma "Slick" McAdoo.

Secretary: Anna Mae Palmer.

Managers: Roy "Shorty" Catron; Odell Dockins; P.J. Skeens; Tom Walker; Carl "Bowchicken" Rhodes. ●

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 232, 237, 240, 241, 242, 243, and nominations in the Army on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations were considered and confirmed as follows:

ARMY

The following Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C. section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Peter J. Gravett, 0000
Brig. Gen. Walter J. Pudlowski, Jr., 0000
Brig. Gen. Frederic J. Raymond, 0000

To be brigadier general

Col. Lewis E. Brown, 0000
Col. Dan M. Colglazier, 0000
Col. James A. Cozine, 0000
Col. David C. Godwin, 0000
Col. Carl N. Grant, 0000
Col. Herman G. Kirven, Jr., 0000

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Armando Falcon, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, for a term of five years.

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION
Zell Miller, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Edward W. Stimpson, of Idaho, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Counsel of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE ARMY

Army nominations beginning *Eric J. Albertson, and ending *Stanley E. Whitten, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 3, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Roger F. Hall, Jr., and ending Paul K. Wohl, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 3, 1999.

Army nomination of Robert A. Vigersky, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Michael V. Kostiw, and ending David T. Ulmer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Robert S. Adams, and ending Jeffrey P. Stolrow, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Jon A. Hinman, and ending *Glenn R. Scheib, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning James E. Cobb, and ending Curtis G. Whiteford, which