

Town of Kansas was incorporated. Three years later, the town was re-incorporated as the City of Kansas and renamed Kansas City in 1889. Today, Kansas Citians are celebrating the sesquicentennial of Kansas City, Missouri.

Kansas City is situated at the point of entry at the confluence of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers. In the beginning, Kansas City was known as the last point of civilization before venturing into the untamed West. The settlement quickly prospered as an outfitting post for gold prospectors and homesteaders who were moving west.

Because of its geographical location in the middle of the United States, Kansas City was destined to develop into one of our nation's most important trading markets and distribution hubs for goods and services.

As Kansas City began to grow and prosper it became a major region for raising and sending cattle to market. Kansas City quickly emerged as the largest cattle market in the world. Since that time, each Fall, the American Royal Festival is held to pay tribute to this rich cultural heritage.

Two words come to mind when people talk about Kansas City. Those two words are Jazz and Barbecue. Kansas City is world renowned for both. One also must not forget the grandeur of the Christmas lights that adorn Country Club Plaza, viewed annually by thousands.

Kansas City is home to the Liberty Memorial which honors America's sons and daughters who defended liberty and our country through their service in World War I. This Memorial serves as a tribute to ensure that the sacrifices made by those brave men and women are not forgotten.

Union Station was the gateway for many World War II service men and women passing through Kansas City on their way to service. Now newly refurbished it still stands tall and stately as a major tourist attraction.

In the 1960s, Kansas City emerged as a powerhouse in professional sports. Lamar Hunt brought the Chiefs NFL football team to Kansas City, and Ewing Kauffman was awarded a major league baseball franchise. The Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas City Royals have both captured world pennants.

From its vibrant past to its glowing future, Kansas City is a community that remains on the cutting edge of technology, industry, medical research, manufacturing, and sports. At the dawn of a new century, Kansas City will continue to grow and prosper and rise to her highest and best.

Mr. President, it is a distinct privilege to represent this great city in the United States Senate. I request that my colleagues join me in recognizing Kansas City for its 150 years of contributions to our great land and paying tribute to the KC150 celebration, Kansas City's sesquicentennial.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLIE HOWELL

• Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I am pleased to inform my colleagues that a young man from my state, Charlie Howell, won the individual National Collegiate Athletic Association golf championship this past weekend. Charlie hails from Augusta, home of the Masters Golf Tournament, and his achievement marks the beginning of another chapter in the great golf tradition of the Augusta area.

Charlie, a junior at Oklahoma State University, finished the event with a final score of 265, a full 23 strokes under par. His score shattered the previous championship record of 17 under. Given the number of talented players who have won the title, including Tiger Woods, Charlie's accomplishment is nothing short of phenomenal.

Along with his win in the individual tournament, Charlie helped the Oklahoma State team win the National Championship as well. This marks the first time since 1990 that the individual champion was also apart of a national championship team.

While success on the professional golf circuit almost certainly awaits Charlie, he has decided that his future can wait. Charlie will return to OSU for his senior year, helping to lead his team in defense of their title, and more importantly, to complete his college education.

Charlie's hard work and dedication to the sport have paid off handsomely. He now joins an elite group of golfers that can call themselves NCAA champions. I commend Charlie for his tremendous accomplishment, and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.●

HONORING STUDENTS FROM GREEN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

• Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, on May 6-8, 2000, more than 1200 students from across the United States came to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals of the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program. I am proud to announce that the class from Green River High School in Green River, Wyoming, represented my state in this national event. These young scholars worked diligently to reach the national finals and through their experience have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

The participating students were Richard Baxter, Natalie Binder, Katharine Bracken, Cameron Kelsey, Sandra Newton, Jacque Owen, Jeremy Pitts, Benjamin Potmesil, Meagan Reese, Rachel Ryckman, Ryan Stewart, and Steven Ujvary. I also want to recognize their teacher, Dennis Johnson, who deserves much of the credit for the success of the team.

The We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program is the

most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress, during which a panel of judges from a variety of appropriate professional fields probes the students for their depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

The class from Green River represented the state of Wyoming well during the finals, and I wish these "constitutional experts" the best of luck as they continue to cultivate their interest in the principles upon which our great country was founded.●

REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR CONSTITUTION

• Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to recognize some special students from my home state of Wyoming, Green River to be specific, who have been spending a lot of their time studying our Constitution. They got so good at it, in fact, that they entered a national competition here in Washington to test their knowledge against the best of their peers and had a remarkable result.

Earlier this month students from around the country came to the nation's capital to compete on their understanding of our Constitution and our American Government. The students of Green River High School did very well in that event. In fact, their understanding and grasp of the fundamental principles of our Democracy and the meaning of our Constitution was judged to be among the best of the 50 teams that participated.

Programs like the one the students of Green River participated in are vital if we are to ensure that our future leaders have an understanding of the principles of our Constitution and the beliefs and values our Founding Fathers brought to the creation of our government. Such an understanding is an important part of our children's education for it will help them understand that the rights and freedoms afforded by our Constitution bring with them certain duties and responsibilities - the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. That will help them understand their role as they become our local, state and national leaders and face the challenges of the new millennium.

Good work, Green River High School! Led by their teacher, Dennis Johnson, and supported by their State Coordinator, Dick Kean, and their District Coordinator, Matt Strannigan, they did a great job and made Wyoming proud.

I would also like to congratulate each member of the team, which includes: Richard Baxter, Natalie Binder, Katharine Bracken, Cameron Kelsey,