

year will include more than 12,000 schools in all 50 States and more than 101 countries.

This year, organizers of the National Sportsmanship Day aim to promote appreciation for the critical role of ethics and fair play in athletics, and indeed, in society in general, through student-athlete outreach programs. I believe this mission is of critical importance, and I commend the athletes, coaches, journalists, students, and educators who are engaged in today's activities.

As part of the day's celebration, the Institute selects Sports Ethics Fellows who have demonstrated "highly ethical behavior in athletics and society." This year, the Institute will honor such renowned athletes as Mia Hamm, member of the U.S. national soccer team and Washington Freedom of the Women's United Soccer Association; Sergei Fedorov, three-time All-Star with the Detroit Red Wings; and Lenny Krayzelburg, three-time gold medal U.S. Olympic swimmer. Grant Hill, a past Sports Ethics Fellow and five-time All-Star with the Orlando Magic, will talk about the importance of fair play both on and off the court to approximately 700 students at Rolling Hills elementary School in Orlando, FL.

Another key component of National Sportsmanship Day is the Student-Athlete Outreach Program. This program encourages high schools and colleges to send talented student-athletes to local elementary and middle schools to promote good sportsmanship and serve as positive role models. These students help young people build self-esteem, respect for physical fitness, and an appreciation for the value of teamwork.

If all those activities were not enough, the Institute has begun another avenue to promote understanding and good character for youngsters. A program called "The No Swear Zone" was instituted in 1998 to encourage teams and coaches to sign a pledge to stop the use of profanity in sports and everyday life.

I remain very proud that National Sportsmanship Day was initiated in Rhode Island, and I applaud the students and teachers who are participating in the events of this inspiring day. Likewise, I congratulate all of those at the University of Rhode Island's Institute for International Sport, whose hard work and dedication over the last eleven years have made this program so successful.●

NATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP DAY— MARCH 6, 2001

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, today is the 11th Annual National Sportsmanship Day, which is a unique program that champions sportsmanship and enhances student leadership and academic skills. The object of the 2001 Na-

tional Sportsmanship Day is to promote appreciation for the critical role of ethics and honesty in athletics and society through student-athlete outreach programs, writing and art contests, coaches' forums and other activities aimed at furthering the principles of sportsmanship.

National Sportsmanship Day was founded at the University of Rhode Island in 1991. Today, more than 12,000 elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as colleges and universities in all 50 States and over 100 countries will participate in the events planned to help instill in young people the importance of playing fair and the value of hard work and discipline. The Institute of Sport is also proud that National Sportsmanship Day will be webcast over the Internet. Through online interaction with featured guests, exclusive interviews, and sportsmanship polls, this event will harness the power and expanse of the World Wide Web to reach students and supporters here and around the world.

The organizers of National Sportsmanship Day have gathered some of the best of our nation's sportsmen and women to serve as 2001 Sports Ethics Fellows. By sharing their remarkable accomplishments athletes Grant Hill of the Orlando Magic, soccer great Mia Hamm, Sergei Fedorov of the Detroit Red Wings, and 2000 Olympic Gold Medalist Lenny Krayzelburg, among others, will help encourage young athletes to strive and succeed by the rules of fair play. And in so doing, these gifted athletic heroes will inspire today's athletes to impart on future athletes the lessons of good sportsmanship.

Also part of this event and in its third year is a program called "The No Swear Zone," which is a pledge that can be signed by athletes and coaches to stop the use of profanity in sports and everyday life. Further, in conjunction with National Sportsmanship Day, the Institute for International Sport will launch the Center for Sports Parenting. This online center will provide an interactive service where parents, coaches, educators, and team officials involved in youth sports can seek guidance on youth sports. Indeed, it is equally important for adults involved in youth athletics to teach and lead in the spirit of sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship needs to be taught to each successive generation, and I commend the Institute of Sport and all this year's participants for making sure that this valuable life lesson continues to lead the way on and off the field.●

IN HONOR OF THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS 2001 STATE HONOREES FOR PENNSYLVANIA

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I stand before you today to recognize two outstanding students from the

great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Ms. Lindsay Stewart of Windber and Mr. Alexander Gates of Palmyra have just been named State Honorees in The 2001 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. This program honors one high school student and one middle-level student in each state for outstanding acts of volunteerism. They were selected from nearly 23,000 who were considered for this year's program.

Ms. Stewart was nominated by Forest Hills High School where she is a senior, for her creation of the "Humanitarian Club." This club is dedicated to providing information about chemical brain disorders, and promoting tolerance of understanding of individuals who suffer from them. Inspired by an aunt afflicted with schizophrenia, Lindsay wanted to educate others about mental illnesses. During the past three years of her program, more than 300 people have experienced and learned from Lindsay's Humanitarian Club programs.

Mr. Gates is an eighth grader at Palmyra Area Middle School, where he led an effort to erect a monument commemorating Palmyra-area veterans who were killed in wartime military service. Alexander's design included a six-foot obelisk inspired by his grandfather, who is a World War II veteran. He raised \$8,250 to build the monument by selling granite bricks that would be inscribed with contributors' names and placed around the base of the memorial. Alexander included an inscription on the obelisk that reads, "This monument honors the spirit of self-sacrifice which is necessary for the survival of a community. It honors those members of the community who paid the ultimate price so we can live in a free and just country."

I enthusiastically applaud Ms. Stewart and Mr. Gates for their initiative in seeking to make our communities better places to live, and for the positive impact they have had on the lives of others. It is at times like these, when I am given the opportunity to see the young people of our great nation make such a substantial difference, that I am so proud to be an American. Lindsay and Alexander have displayed great maturity, leadership, and most importantly, patriotism. With young people like them growing as leaders in our communities, we can be assured that the future of the United States is very bright. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages