CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

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MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 8

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 8, which was just received from the House, is at the desk, and I now ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will remain at the desk.

COMMENDING THE BLUE DEVILS OF DUKE UNIVERSITY

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 67, submitted earlier by Senators HELMS and EDWARDS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 67) commending the Blue Devils of Duke University for winning the 2001 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men’s Basketball Championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, Monday night, April 2, I was one of the countless North Carolinians—along with students, alumni, and admirers from across the country—watching the Blue Devils of Duke University win the 2001 NCAA Men’s College Basketball National Championship.

The talented young men who make up Duke’s remarkable team have assembled a fine record in winning its third championship in the last eleven years.

Mr. President, Duke University’s Men’s Basketball program has indeed achieved a special place in sports history.

North Carolinians have become accustomed to outstanding basketball teams representing our state during the past quarter century. In addition to Duke’s three National Championships, the North Carolina Tar Heels brought home the trophy in 1982 and 1993, while the North Carolina State Wolfpack won in 1978 and again in the memorable 1983 tournament when coached by the brave and inspirational Jim Valvano, whom is missed greatly.

But on the April 2 night, after a hard-fought battle with the fine Wildcats of Arizona University, the Duke Blue Devils emerged victorious, 82-72. Led by All-Americans Shane Battier and Jason Williams and boosted by a stellar performance by sophomore sharp-shooter Mike Dunleavy, this Duke team is an example of what can be achieved through hard work and dedication.

Mr. President, the 2001 Duke team breezed through the season with customary excellence, finishing tied for first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season. Winning or sharing this honor for an unprecedented fifth time in five years, Duke then proceeded to win the ACC championship for the third year in a row.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski has built a much admired program during his 21 seasons at Duke. He recruits talented and committed student-athletes and molds them into a tightly-knit basketball “family”. His dedication to the team members has been rewarded with long-lasting relationships between coach and player.

“Coach K’s” guidance is often cited by his former players as crucial to each of them realizing his potential both on and off the court.

This program has earned Coach Krzyzewski and his teams not only three national championships, but seven appearances in National Championship games during the past 16 years.

The Duke program is a meaningful example for Americans, especially younger Americans, of determination, perseverance, and success in North Carolina. Day in and day out, whether in the classroom or on the court, the members of this team have shown the country what it takes to be national champions.

Mr. DOMENICI. 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 any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 67) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

Whereas the 2000–2001 Duke University Blue Devils’ men’s basketball team (referred to in this resolution as the “Duke Blue Devils”) had a spectacular season;

Whereas the Duke Blue Devils finished the regular season with a 26-4 record, claiming a record straight finish in first place during the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season;

Whereas the Duke Blue Devils won the 2001 Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament Championship, winning the championship of that tournament for the third year in a row;

Whereas the Duke Blue Devils are the first men’s basketball team to be a number 1 seed in the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s Men’s Basketball Tournament during 4 consecutive seasons since that association began seeding teams in 1979;

Whereas the Duke Blue Devils amassed the most wins, 133, in a 4-year period of any National Collegiate Athletic Association men’s basketball team in history;

Whereas Shane Battier received the 2001 Naismith Award as men’s college basketball Player of the Year;

Whereas Coach Mike Krzyzewski has taken the Duke Blue Devils to 7 national championship games in 16 years;

Whereas Coach Krzyzewski led the Duke Blue Devils to the team’s third national championship;

Whereas the Duke Blue Devils are a fine example of academic and athletic dedication and success;

Whereas the team’s success during the 2000–2001 season was truly a team accomplishment; and

Whereas the Duke Blue Devils won the 2001 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men’s Basketball Championship; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate commends the Blue Devils of Duke University for winning the 2001 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men’s Basketball Championship.

MAD COW AND RELATED DISEASES PREVENTION ACT OF 2001

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 31, S. 700.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 700) to establish a Federal inter-agency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly