

Karen was also devoted to her family. She was married to David Shapira for 41 years and raised three children, Laura Karet, Debbie, and Jeremy. Karen leaves behind a wonderful family, and a legacy of community service and outreach. My thoughts and prayers are with the Shapira family in the days and months ahead.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN CELEBRATION OF SHERIFF MARK TRACY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize Santa Cruz County Sheriff Mark Tracy, who retired after 32 years of dedicated service.

Sheriff Tracy is a Santa Cruz County native who was educated in the county's public schools. In 1972, he received his bachelor of science degree in criminology from California State University at Fresno. Upon receiving his degree, Sheriff Tracy immediately returned to his home in Santa Cruz County, where he began his law enforcement career with the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Tracy has held many positions within the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. As a deputy, he worked in the Patrol Division, the Coroner's Unit, and the Detention Bureau. He quickly rose through the ranks, and was soon promoted to sergeant, and then to lieutenant. In those positions, Sheriff Tracy managed the Street Narcotics and Gang units, served as the watch commander of the county jail, and supervised deputies in the Patrol Division, among other duties. Because of his expertise, Sheriff Tracy also served as the coordinator of the Search and Rescue Team, was a founding member of the Hostage Negotiating Team, and was instrumental in the planning and construction of the Roundtree Medium Security Detention Facility. In 1994, Sheriff Tracy was overwhelmingly elected by the residents of Santa Cruz County to serve as the sheriff-coroner. In 2002, he was successfully reelected, and served in the capacity of sheriff-coroner until his retirement in December 2004.

Among his many accomplishments, Sheriff Tracy has also served as chair of the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council and the Santa Cruz County Commission on Domestic Violence. He has been an active member of the California State Sheriffs' Association and the California State Coroners' Association. Sheriff Tracy has worked tirelessly with local elected officials, schools, and community organizations to foster a strong sense of community in Santa Cruz County. I have collaborated with Sheriff Tracy in the past, and I can attest to his commitment to the community he served.

Sheriff Tracy's service to the State of California and dedication to public safety is inspiring. I am confident that, even in retirement, Sheriff Tracy will continue to touch lives with his good will and compassion.●

LOYOLA SACRED HEART SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

• Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a remarkable group of young people from my beautiful state of Montana. On January 29, 2005 the Loyola Sacred Heart High School speech and debate team won its 22nd state championship in a row for Class B competition. This victory extends the longest series of state championships ever in Montana.

Early on a crisp Saturday morning, while other kids their age were sleeping, students from 72 high schools from every corner of Montana met in Corvallis to compete in the A-B-C State Tournament. They competed in 7 speech events—Memorized Public Address, Original Oratory, Expository Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Serious Oral Interpretation of Literature, and Humorous Oral Interpretation of Literature—and 2 debate events—Policy Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

This year, Loyola earned its 22nd consecutive state title by a margin of 80 points. Two students, Sarah Stergios and Rebecca Natelson were individual State champions, and they were well supported by 13 other individual medalists. Such success is not a new thing for Head Coach Matt Stergios, who has been with the team since 1981, when the team had only four members.

Since that time, over one thousand students have competed for the team; in fact, in 2004, one out of four students at Loyola competed at one or more tournaments. The team has generated 31 individual state champions, and over 200 medalists. Since the streak began, Loyola has won over 200 individual tournament titles. The building that the students attend classes in is not large enough to hold all of the trophies, so some of them have to be stored next door.

But Loyola Sacred Heart High School is not just known for its speech and debate team. While I was in the Marines I learned that it's important to hone the mind as well as the body. Well, every year, students from Loyola rank at the top of the state in test scores. Ninety percent of students who graduate from Loyola go to college. On Advanced Placement exams Loyola students score 25 percent higher than the national average. Loyola boasts 13 Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Awards, and a Senate Page. And Loyola is as successful with feats of the body as it is with feats of the mind. The boys cross country team has won six straight State titles, and the girls

cross country team has won state titles in the last 2 years. The Loyola Fighting Ram football team made state quarterfinals this year, and both the girls basketball and volleyball teams won their Division. The girls track team was second in the State last year after both the boys and girls teams swept District and Divisional competition. Two years ago, the girls softball team won the state title and placed fourth this year. Now all of this is already quite impressive. But it's even more amazing considering that Loyola Sacred Heart High School has only about 200 students.

I congratulate Loyola Sacred Heart High School for their 22nd consecutive State title in speech and debate.

Loyola Sacred Heart Speech and Debate 38-person Divisional and State Team Roster: Frankie Barnhill, Loren Barstad, Adam Benson, Adam Bigelow, Brian Bobowiec, Nick Corn, Karra Cuplin, Paul Dalapiazza, Miles Dauterive, Jason Devoe, Liz Diehl, Ryne Dougherty, Brian Doyle, Sambath Eat, Ben Eddy, Matt Eddy, John Eikens, Dan Evans, Brian Geer, Tyler Grutsch, Megan Hess-Homier, Julie Hurd, Ben Kappelman, Tricia Karsky, Katie Lawhorn, Matt Lovejoy, Abby Mayer, Keith Miller, Cory Monroe, Rebecca Natelson, Dan O'Brien, Joe Sanders, Nadia Selim, Paul Stergios, Sarah Stergios, Will Taylor, Lauren Titchbourne, Caroline Wade

Head Coach: Matthew Stergios

Assistant Coaches: Frank Grady, Sarah Jennings, Dave Klein, Theresa Stergios.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-502. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety, and Health, received on January 24, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-503. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, received on January 24, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-504. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Energy Outlook for 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-505. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on Federal government energy management and conservation programs for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-506. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to