

Award on Bill Martin as an outstanding member of the community.

Throughout his life, Bill Martin has dedicated himself, both publicly and privately, to projects that involve, concern, and benefit the community. When the Ann Arbor public schools needed extra funds for school projects, Bill implemented the very successful 3-on-3 Superball basketball tournament. He rallied a group of craftsmen to rebuild State ranger cabins on Isle Royale and personally joined in the effort. And he answered the calls of both the University of Michigan Athletic Department and the United States Olympic Committee when they were engulfed in turmoil and controversy.

Bill Martin has been director of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Michigan since 2000. Bill has also served as the president of the United States Olympic Committee. An avid sailor, Bill Martin has also served as president of the United States Sailing Foundation, as well as the U.S. Sailing Association.

In 1968, Bill Martin founded First Martin Corporation, a diversified real estate construction, development and management firm. He is also the founder and chairman of the board of Bank of Ann Arbor.

Bill Martin's devotion to his community ranges beyond business and athletics. He has served as president of the Washtenaw Land Conservancy, and has been a board member of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Foundation and the Washtenaw Technical Middle College. He has been a member of the advisory board of U-M's Center for the Education of Women and served on the Fales Committee of the U.S. Naval Academy. He is currently on the board of directors of New York 2012, working to bring the Olympic Games to New York City.

He has been awarded numerous awards including the U.S. Olympic Committee Award for outstanding service to the U.S. Olympic Committee and America's athletes, the Nathaniel G. Herreshoff Trophy for outstanding contribution to the sport of sailing, the Bob Ufer Distinguished M Club Award, and "Ann Arbor News' Citizen of the Year" for his service and contributions to the community.

Bill earned a bachelor of arts degree from Wittenberg University, a graduate degree in economics from the University of Stockholm, and a MBA from the University of Michigan.

Bill and his wife Sally have lived in Ann Arbor since 1967 when they met as students. They have two grown sons, Seth and Michael.

Senator STABENOW and I are delighted to have the opportunity to pay tribute to Bill Martin for all of his contributions to his community and congratulate him on his upcoming honor from the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County.●

BSU NATIONAL DEBATE AND SPEECH CHAMPS

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Boise State University's outstanding debate and speech team, the Talkin' Broncos, who captured the national title at the Biennial Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament in St. Louis on March 20. The open tournament is the Nation's oldest and largest team competition among 4-year schools with forensics programs. More than 470 competitors representing 72 schools and 29 States participated in the event. The 14-member championship team also brought home an impressive 22 individual awards.

Many in this Chamber appreciate the importance of speech and debate in the business of government. Forensic skills translate into effective communication, and not just in politics. These young women and men have developed techniques that will serve them throughout their lives, no matter what career they decide to pursue. They have demonstrated exceptional oratory capabilities and the quick and incisive thinking needed to communicate ideas and persuade others of the merits of their opinions in an expeditious manner.

I congratulate all the students on the team as well as their coaches and head coach Marty Most. I would especially like to recognize John Petty, national champion in the broadcast journalism division; and Lacey Rammell-O'Brien and Nancy Henke for their recognition as two of only nine All-Americans. Over the years, Boise State has firmly established itself as a national force for forensics, and the fact that most of the students on the team are from Idaho high schools is a fine testament to the strength of the secondary academic programs in my home state. This national title is especially noteworthy, and I am proud to honor Boise State University's tremendous achievement in the United States Senate today.●

IN RECOGNITION OF HARRY VINES

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to Arkansas Harry Vines, president of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association is the largest and oldest wheelchair sports organization in the world. Established in Champagne, IL, in 1948, the National Wheelchair Basketball Association has provided opportunities for individuals with physical disabilities to learn to play and compete in the game of basketball. For more than 50 years, thousands of individuals ranging from young children to disabled war veterans have benefited from the programs of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

Harry Vines of Sherwood, AR, has served as the National Wheelchair Bas-

ketball Association president since 2001. Mr. Vines is well known in Arkansas for his many volunteer activities. He has served as the coach of the Arkansas Rollin' Razorbacks, a wheelchair basketball team that he helped established in 1978. In addition, Mr. Vines has coached the U.S. Wheelchair Basketball team four times in international competition and served in numerous administrative roles in the organization over the past 28 years.

On April 9, 2005, Mr. Vines, as the National Wheelchair Basketball Association President, will present the first series of National Wheelchair Basketball Association Spirit Awards in Phoenix, AZ. The Spirit Award recognizes the work of the many volunteers and organizations that support the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. The 2005 Spirit Award recipients are Evelyn Bologna of Lexington, KY; Jim Hayes of Arlington, TX; Tim Stout of East Moline, IL; and the Rehabilitation/Education Program at the University of Illinois in Champaign, IL.

Mr. President, I applaud Harry Vines' dedicated service to the National Wheelchair Basketball Association and his exemplary leadership.●

TRIBUTE TO THE MIDDLEBURY PANTHERS MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM,

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Middlebury College men's ice hockey team on its March 19, 2005 victory in the NCAA Division III National Championship against St. Thomas University. This is the second straight national championship for the Panthers and their seventh in the past 11 years.

For more than two centuries, Middlebury College has offered students a top-notch liberal arts education. Best known for its academic excellence and its picturesque campus, Middlebury also boasts a highly regarded athletic program that complements its educational mission and helps facilitate a great collegiate experience for all Middlebury students. Over 25 percent of all undergraduates at the college participate in varsity sports and Middlebury has worn an astonishing 24 national titles in just over a decade.

During this past hockey season, the Panthers represented Middlebury with hard work and determination on the ice. The accomplishments of the student-athletes were rewarded by a loyal fan base that packed the Chip Kenyon Arena night after night to watch great college hockey. Along with the thousands of Middlebury hockey fans, I am proud to have such an impressive college hockey team playing in the State of Vermont.