

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

The resolution (S. Res. 85) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 85

Whereas, on March 24, 2009, the Rocky Mountain College Battlin' Bears won the 2009 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Men's Basketball National Championship title with a stunning 77-61 triumph over the Columbia College Cougars;

Whereas Rocky Mountain College, located in Billings, Montana, is one of the premier liberal arts schools in the State of Montana;

Whereas Rocky Mountain College forward Devin Uskoski was named the Most Valuable Player of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics men's basketball tournament;

Whereas Devin Uskoski averaged 17.4 points per game and 11 rebounds per game throughout his senior season;

Whereas the Battlin' Bears finished the 2009 season with a record of 30-8 and won 10 of their final 11 games;

Whereas Rocky Mountain College fans across Montana supported and encouraged the Battlin' Bears throughout the basketball season;

Whereas Rocky Mountain College President Michael R. Mace and Athletic Director Robert Beers have shown great leadership in bringing academic and athletic success to Rocky Mountain College; and

Whereas the people of the State of Montana celebrate the success and share the pride of Rocky Mountain College: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Rocky Mountain College Battlin' Bears for winning the 2009 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Men's Basketball National Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, and staff whose hard work and dedication helped the Rocky Mountain College Battlin' Bears win the championship; and

(3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution for appropriate display to—

(A) the President of Rocky Mountain College, Michael R. Mace;

(B) the Athletic Director of Rocky Mountain College, Robert Beers; and

(C) the Head Coach of the Rocky Mountain College basketball team, Bill Dreikosen.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 88.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 88) honoring the life of Dr. John Hope Franklin.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating

to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 88) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 88

Whereas Dr. John Hope Franklin was born on January 2, 1915 in Rentiesville, Oklahoma, the grandson of a slave and the son of Buck Colbert Franklin, one of the first African-American lawyers in the Oklahoma Indian Territory, and Mollie Parker Franklin, a schoolteacher and community leader;

Whereas in 1936, Dr. Franklin was appointed to the faculty of Fisk University as instructor of history and subsequently served as professor of history at St. Augustine's College, North Carolina College, and Howard University;

Whereas Dr. Franklin taught at the University of Chicago from 1964 to 1982, serving as professor of American history, chairperson of the department of history, John Matthews Manly Distinguished Service Professor, and professor emeritus of history;

Whereas Dr. Franklin was on faculty at Duke University from 1982 until his passing, serving as the James B. Duke Professor of History, professor of legal history at Duke University Law School, and the James B. Duke Professor of History Emeritus, Duke University;

Whereas Dr. Franklin broke numerous racial barriers, serving as the first African-American department chair at a predominantly white institution as chairman of the department of history at Brooklyn College from 1956 to 1964, as the first African-American professor to hold an endowed chair at Duke University, and as the first African-American president of the American Historical Association;

Whereas Dr. Franklin authored "From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans" in 1947, widely considered the preeminent history of the African-American experience in the United States, as well as numerous other notable books including his influential autobiography "Mirror to America: The Autobiography of John Hope Franklin";

Whereas the research of Dr. Franklin contributed to the success of Thurgood Marshall and the legal victory of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the landmark Supreme Court case, *Brown v. Board of Education* (347 U.S. 483), which ended the "separate but equal" doctrine in public schools in the United States;

Whereas in 1996, Dr. Franklin was named "Historian of the Century" by Duke University, North Carolina State University, North Carolina Central University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;

Whereas Dr. Franklin received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1995, and was appointed chairman of the advisory board of President William J. Clinton's Initiative on Race in 1997;

Whereas Dr. Franklin served as the head of the 3 major historical associations in the United States: the Organization of American Historians, the American Historical Association, and the Southern Historical Association;

Whereas Dr. Franklin was inducted into the North Carolina Literary Hall of Fame in 1998;

Whereas Dr. Franklin received the Benjamin Franklin Medal for Distinguished Public Service from the American Philosophical

Society in 2007, and a Gold Medal for distinguished achievement in history from the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 2002;

Whereas Dr. Franklin inspired the John Hope Franklin Center for Interdisciplinary and International Studies at Duke University, a consortium of academic programs that encourages creative scholarship, the exchange of ideas, and a variety of perspectives and methodologies to revitalize notions of how knowledge is gained and shared;

Whereas Dr. Franklin was a scholar who helped create the field of African-American history and literature;

Whereas Dr. Franklin described historians as "the conscience of the nation, if honesty and consistency are factors that nurture the conscience", and his contributions to the study of American history fundamentally challenged and changed the manner in which the Nation collectively interprets its past and understands its present;

Whereas generations of young historians have been inspired and personally influenced by Dr. Franklin's keen intellect, graceful humility, and humor in the classroom, and will ensure the endurance of his towering legacy;

Whereas Dr. Franklin passed away on March 25, 2009 in Durham, North Carolina; and

Whereas Dr. John Hope Franklin will be deeply missed but leaves an enduring legacy of public service, scholarship, and perseverance that inspires all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the life and accomplishments of John Hope Franklin; and

(2) honors the contributions that John Hope Franklin made to United States society.

BUDGET COMMITTEE PERMISSION TO FILE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Friday, March 27, the Budget Committee be permitted to file the committee-reported concurrent resolution on the budget, and they be allowed to do this between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. Monday, March 30; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate begin consideration of the budget resolution reported by the Budget Committee.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes on Monday. However, the Senate will begin consideration of the budget resolution and Senators CONRAD and GREGG will be here on Monday to get debate started on the resolution. All Senators also

have the opportunity to make any statements they want regarding this measure.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
MARCH 30, 2009, AT 11 A.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate this evening, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:09 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 30, 2009, at 11 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

STEVEN ELLIOT KOONIN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, VICE RAYMOND L. ORBACH, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

YVETTE ROUBIDEAUX, OF ARIZONA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE ROBERT G. MCSWAIN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

JOSEPH C. SZABO, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, VICE JOSEPH H. BOARDMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LUIS C. DE BACA, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING, WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR AT LARGE, VICE MARK P. LAGON, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

T. MICHAEL KERR, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE PATRICK PIZZELLA, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

LINDA A. PUCHALA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2009, VICE READ VAN DE WATER, TERM EXPIRED.

LINDA A. PUCHALA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2012. (REAPPOINTMENT)