

USTA Southern Section and USTA South Carolina, she was inducted into the USTA Southern Tennis Hall for Fame in 2005. Lucy has also been recognized with the USTA Southern Section's Jacobs Bowl Award in 1999 and the South Carolina President's Award in 1998. The South Carolina Tennis Association established the Lucy Garvin Volunteer of the Year Award in her honor, and she was inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame in 1998.

Lucy was elected chairman of the board and president of the 730,000 member USTA in January 2009. In doing so she became the first South Carolinian and only the third woman to hold the position in the organization's 129-year history. Prior to her appointment as president, she served one term as first vice president, two consecutive terms as vice president, and one term as a director at large. In addition to her responsibilities as USTA chairman and president, Lucy is also the chairman of the U.S. Open, and represents the USTA on the Grand Slam Committee. During her tenure as USTA president, tennis has grown to over 30 million recreational players.

On an international level, Lucy was elected to the board of directors of the International Tennis Federation, ITF, in 2009, serving as a vice president. She currently serves as chair of the ITF Junior Competitions Committee and a member of the ITF Development Committee. Because of her career of dedicated leadership and commitment to tennis, Lucy was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame Board of Directors in 2008.

Beyond being respected for her numerous leadership positions, Lucy is equally admired for being a devoted volunteer. She has tirelessly advocated for growing the game of tennis both by focusing on younger players and through outreach to traditionally underserved groups. As a result of her commitment and volunteerism with the QuickStart program, which focuses on bringing children to the game of tennis, four recently constructed QuickStart tennis courts were dedicated in Lucy's name.

Lucy's well deserved acknowledgments and recognitions highlight the impact she has had on both the game of tennis and its worldwide community. She is an invaluable asset to the tennis community, and as a leader has set an example for future USTA presidents to follow. She continues to live by her personal motto, "Teamwork: One Team, One Goal: To Promote and Develop the Growth of Tennis." I am confident Lucy will continue this mission.

I ask that the U.S. Senate join me in celebrating Lucy Garvin's lifelong dedication to both the game of tennis and to the State of South Carolina, and I wish Lucy the very best in her future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO SHERYL MILLER

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a public servant from my home State of South Dakota. Sheryl Miller is retiring from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, after 33 years of Federal service, including 32 with HUD and the last dozen years as the field director of the South Dakota HUD office.

During her years at HUD, she has always displayed a steadfast awareness of the housing needs of South Dakotans and a commitment to share and convey agency policies and information. When confronted with congressional and public inquiries, she always handled issues in a timely manner and networked well within the agency to provide complete and concise answers to questions. By all accounts, Sheryl always displayed a pleasant demeanor and was a true professional in her work ethic and dedication to public service.

Sheryl has an extensive background working with HUD programs in single and multi-family housing, public housing and community planning and development. She has served in HUD positions in the Denver and San Francisco regional offices. She has definitely satisfied the credentials earned with her master degree in public administration from Drake University.

During her years of service, Sheryl has witnessed many changes in public housing policies and priorities. Because of her dedicated work, countless families in South Dakota have been helped immensely in obtaining or maintaining public housing. This has a dramatic impact on the livelihood of the individual family, but also has a dramatic positive impact on the community and State. It is my hope that Sheryl leaves her HUD post knowing that she greatly impacted the lives of many people and there can be fewer greater rewards in a public service career.

I wish Sheryl all the best in her retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO MIKE LOWELL

● Mr. LEMIEUX. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to one of baseball's great athletes. At the end of this baseball season, Floridian Mike Lowell will hang up his glove and bat and retire. From hitting a single his first time up at bat in the Major Leagues to being named Most Valuable Player of the 2007 World Series, Lowell has proven his excellence and consistency on the field throughout his career.

Mike Lowell began his 13-year professional career with the New York Yankees but soon returned to his home State to play for the Florida Marlins where he was an integral part of the 2003 Championship team. Having grown up in Miami, he had the opportunity to play in front of family and friends. Later, he joined the Boston Red Sox, where he spent the rest of his career.

His time as a baseball player did not transpire without obstacles. Months

into his first season with the Marlins, Lowell was diagnosed with testicular cancer. He missed 2 months of the 1999 season while he underwent treatment. But he survived and went on to have a tremendously successful career.

Both on and off the field Mike Lowell has gained the respect of his fellow players. With his two World Series rings, four-time All-Star participation, Gold Glove, more than 220 home runs and nearly 1,000 RBIs, he is a player to be admired. He has also proven his leadership in the clubhouse by utilizing his bilingual background to bridge the gap between English-speaking and Spanish-speaking players.

Many young boys dream of growing up to play baseball in the Major Leagues. Mike Lowell achieved that dream and is an inspiration for today's youth to continue to reach for their goals. While his career as a professional ballplayer will soon come to a close, Mike Lowell will always be remembered as one of baseball's greatest. I wish him many years of happiness with his wife Bertha and his two children, Alexis and Anthony.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF M. JACOB & SONS

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, small businesses are the engines of our economy. They provide jobs; they provide services; and they serve as anchors that help to stabilize communities across our nation. It is in this spirit that I recognize M. Jacob & Sons, a business headquartered in Farmington Hills, MI, that embodies the drive, determination, and entrepreneurial spirit at the core of any successful enterprise. M. Jacob & Sons, which has earned a reputation for innovation and commitment to service, is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

Established by Max Jacob in 1885 as a one-man bottle exchange, the company has developed into a packaging leader with business operations spanning the globe. While their international expansion is impressive, of equal significance is their firm adherence to the family tradition on which the company was founded. They have recently ushered in the fifth generation of Jacob family involvement. Each generation has made important contributions to the company's success.

M. Jacob & Sons has a robust legacy of innovation. The company was one of the first businesses in the nation to develop a bottle recycling program. They were also one of the first to offer plastic packaging. And, I understand they were the first in their industry to hire a female salesperson, Elaine Jacob. Elaine went on to serve as an executive until her retirement in 1983. It is this type of forward thinking that has allowed M. Jacob & Sons to thrive for more than a century.

In addition to their pioneering business accomplishments, M. Jacobs & Sons also has been a generous member of the greater Detroit community.