

S. RES. 222

Whereas Stuart F. Balderson became an employee of the United States Senate on May 23, 1960, and since that date has ably and faithfully upheld the high standards and traditions of the staff of the United States Senate for a period that included 19 Congresses;

Whereas Stuart F. Balderson has served as Financial Clerk of the United States Senate from August 1, 1980 to April 30, 1998;

Whereas Stuart F. Balderson has faithfully discharged the difficult duties and responsibilities of his position as Financial Clerk of the United States Senate with great pride, energy, efficiency, dedication, integrity, and professionalism;

Whereas he has earned the respect, affection, and esteem of the United States Senate; and

Whereas Stuart F. Balderson will retire from the United States Senate on April 30, 1998, with 40 years of Government service—38 years with the United States Senate and 2 years with the United States Navy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate commends Stuart F. Balderson for his exemplary service to the United States Senate and the Nation, and wishes to express its deep appreciation and gratitude for his long, faithful, and outstanding service.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Stuart F. Balderson.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 30, 1998 at 9 a.m. in SR-328A. The purpose of this meeting will be to examine agricultural transportation issues.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 30, 1998, to conduct a mark-up of H.R. 1151, the "Credit Union Membership Access Act".

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 30, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. on the nomination of James Loy to be admiral and James Card to be vice admiral of the United States Coast Guard.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 30, 1998, at 10 a.m. or immediately following the nomination hearing, on pending committee business.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, April 30, 1998 beginning at 9 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to hold an executive business meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 30, 1998, at 10 a.m., in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 30, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on "Raising Tobacco Prices: New Opportunities for the Blackmarket?"

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Aviation Subcommittee on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 30, 1998, at 2 p.m. on AIP reauthorization (COMMITTEE PROPOSAL).

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 30, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1253, the Public Land Management Act of 1997.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 30, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which

is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on title IV of S. 1693, the Vision 2020 National Park Restoration Act; and S. 624, the National Park Service Concession Policy Reform Act of 1997.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, be authorized to meet for a hearing on Agency for Health Care Policy Research during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 30, 1998, at 11 a.m.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN RECOGNITION OF JEWISH HERITAGE WEEK

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to call my colleagues attention to Jewish Heritage Week, which is being recognized this year from April 26 through May 2.

Each spring since 1976, during the season in which Jewish people commemorate Passover, Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel independence Day), a week is set aside to celebrate the significant contributions Jewish people have made to American history and culture. This year is of special significance to Jews in the United States and throughout the world as the State of Israel celebrates its 50th anniversary on April 30.

On the day following the establishment of the State of Israel, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion reminded the people of Israel what had been accomplished. He said, "whatever we have achieved is the result of the efforts of earlier generations no less than those of our own. It is also the result of an unwavering fidelity to our precious heritage, the heritage of a small nation that has suffered much, but at the same time has won for itself a special place in the history of mankind because of its spirit, faith, and vision." Today, American Jews maintain the same rich heritage of which Prime Minister Ben-Gurion spoke. And just as our brothers and sisters in Israel, we owe much to our forebears who paved the way in the United States.

Mr. President, the contributions of Jewish Americans to the life of our nation are undeniable. Virtually every area of American culture has benefited from the talents of Jewish people, including science, medicine, business, government, literature and the arts. I know my colleagues join me and the millions of others who mark this special week to pay tribute to the countless people of Jewish faith who have contributed so much to the definition of our nation and the world.●

TRIBUTE TO LAWRENCE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

• Mr. COATS. Mr. President, this weekend, students from Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis will be competing in the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" National Finals here in Washington, D.C.

After winning the Indiana state competition last December, these students from Lawrence Central (Kari Amos, Robert Baker, Kari Buis, Julie Burton, Sheila Cardinal, Haley Carney, Mark Davis, Justin Gray, Amber Gross, Shawn Haislip, Kristen Halligan, Seth Higgins, Megan Lott, Les Jahnke, Kelly Khoury, Ted Kieffer, Justin Lane, Jolene McClusky, Joyce McCoy, Courtney Mills, Aaron Moberly, Galan Moore, Jon Owens, Chris Recktenwall, Eric Reissner, Kelly Richardson, Lisa Schubert, Tara Sheets, Jennifer Staresnick, Shane White) and their teacher, Drew Horvath, have been eagerly preparing to represent our great Hoosier state here in Washington.

Mr. President, I am proud of the dedication and the accomplishments of these Hoosier students. As I have stated before, I strongly believe that educational programs, such as the "We the People . . ." competition, are excellent tools for enhancing the education of our children.

The "We the People . . ." program is the most extensive program to educate our youth about our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. I am pleased to welcome these students to our nation's capital. Through the "We the People . . ." program these students have taken the extra step to learn first hand about our government by bringing the pages of their textbooks to life.

Mr. President, I would like to congratulate the students of Lawrence Central High School for their accomplishments and wish them luck in the national competition. I know they will represent our great state of Indiana well.●

GARRETT ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise today in homage to an extraordinary group of young people, the Garrett Academy of Technology Varsity Boys Basketball Team. On January 2, 1998, these young men made 32 3-point shots in one game—a new national record. South Carolina takes tremendous pride in their accomplishment, which they achieved with teamwork and individual excellence.

In the last two years, this team has set many individual and personal records. The Falcons are the defending 7-AA Region Champions and their coach, Michael Bayne, has been named Coach of the Year more than fifteen times in various sports. These athletes set a standard of excellence for every field of endeavor.

The members of the Garrett Falcons are as follows:

Robert Seabrook, who set a State record last year by making 12 3-point shots in one game. Robert, a Senior electronics student plans to attend Anderson College on a basketball scholarship.

Wil Gibbs, an electricity student, is a Senior and will attend college in the Fall.

Hashem Richardson, a plumbing student, is a Senior and will attend preparatory school.

Josh Davis, a drafting student, is a Senior and will attend Spartanburg Methodist College.

Hassan Bartley, an automotive student, is a Senior and will attend Spartanburg Methodist College.

Kyren Ancrum, a plumbing student, is a Junior and plans to attend Denmark Technical College.

Ralph Pressley, a plumbing student, is a Sophomore.

Louis McCullough, a drafting student, is a Sophomore.

Brandon Fields is a Freshman and undecided in his concentration of study.

Mr. President, I ask that the newspaper account of this victory, "Garrett Tech's 3-point Baskets Make History" which appeared in the January 8, 1998 issue of Charleston's The Post and Courier be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From The Post and Courier, Charleston, S.C., January 8, 1998]

GARRETT THREES MAKE HISTORY

(By Jeff Hartsell)

Robbie Seabrook learned how to shoot a basketball on the hoop at his cousins' house.

"They were all so tall," said Seabrook, "that I had to shoot from outside all the time."

Now that Seabrook is all grown up—he's a 6-3 senior for the Garrett Tech basketball team—the outside shooting touch his cousins forced on him is paying off in a big way.

Seabrook is the leading 3-point shooter on a Garrett team that set a national high school record for most 3-point baskets in a game last week.

During their own Wall of Fame Invitational last Friday, the Falcons made 32 of 79 shots from 3-point range in a 117-39 victory over Bowman Academy.

That performance bettered the 29 treys (in 94 attempts, still a record) made in a game last year by Alexandria High of Juniata Valley, Pa., according to the National Federation of State High School Associations.

"It was pure energy that night," said Seabrook, who made nine 3-pointers against Bowman Academy. "All I know is I didn't get tired in that game."

Neither did his teammates. Point guard Hashem Richardson also made nine 3-pointers, while Will Gibbs added eight and Louis McCullough, Damien Jackson and Brandon Fields had two each.

For the season, Garrett (9-2) has made 98 3-point shots in 11 games, led by Seabrook, who has hit 52 of 137 treys (37.9 percent) and will play next year at Anderson College, an NCAA Division II school in Anderson.

Seabrook, averaging 22 points per game, set a state record last year by making 12 3-point shots in one game and made 34 straight free throws at the end of last season and start of this season.

Obviously, Garrett coach Michael Bayne believes in the power of threes.

"Robbie has the green light at any time," said Bayne, 60-31 in his fourth season at Garrett after stints at Cardinal Newman in Columbia and Denmark-Olar.

"Most of the other guys have green lights only after penetration. We want to get it inside and dish it out for the square-up three."

That job generally falls to point guard Richardson, a 6-2 senior averaging 31.5 points per game. McCullough, a 6-4 sophomore, scores about 15.8 points per game.

Garrett's success in basketball—the girls' team also is doing well at 9-2—has come despite some problems that are unique to the school, known as Garrett Academy of Technology. Garrett reopened as a technical school four years ago after the old Garrett High was closed.

Garrett draws students from all over Charleston County, which makes it hard for some players to make it to practices and games. For example, Gibbs, a 6-4 senior, lives in McClellanville, about an hour's drive from the school.

And Bayne said many athletes who already have played sports for another school are reluctant to leave that school for Garrett. He said nine of his 12 players had never played organized basketball before they got to Garrett.

"A lot of kids who would like to play sports at Garrett are unable to, because they don't have a way home," Bayne said. "And we only have two players that have played at another school."

"A lot of kids feel a loyalty to a team they've already played for, so we are trying to teach a system to kids that have never played on an organized team before."

With the High School League due to reclassify member schools soon, Garrett has applied to move down to Class A from AA, Bayne said. Garrett has about 675 students.

"I think overall that is the right place for us in athletics," said Bayne, who also is athletic director. "That's due to the lack of numbers that are actually able to participate in athletics. Garrett and the Academic Magnet (also in Class AA) are the only two schools in the state that don't have middle-school feeder programs designated to them."

"Until then, we are being a little cheated. The basketball programs have been able to win, but it's a very large hardship on some of our other programs."

No matter what their classification, Bayne's Falcons have made their mark on the national record book.

"I'm very pleased for these young men," Bayne said. "The national record is important in a lot of ways, but what these kids do after high school is what's important, and I just hope they remember that Garrett Tech taught them a lot."●

LATIN-AMERICANS FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a very important organization in the State of Michigan. Latin-Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED), is an advocacy agency that has served the Latino/Southwest area of Detroit, Michigan for twenty-nine years. LA SED has made tremendous contributions to the Detroit area and should be commended.

LA SED will be hosting their Annual Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, May 20, 1998 at the International Market Place in Greektown, Detroit. The theme of the lunch is "Corporate Volunteerism—Giving Back." This event will undoubtedly be a great success.