

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.