

TRIBUTE TO THE MIDDLEBURY PANTHERS WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize the Middlebury College women's ice hockey team for its recent NCAA Division III National Championship—the school's third in as many years and its fifth national title in the last 7 years.

In defeating Plattsburgh State by a score of 3 to 1 on March 18, the Panthers finished their season 27 to 2, tying the school record for victories. The Panthers had four players named to the all-tournament team including Emily Quizon, the American Hockey Coaches Association's National Player of the Year.

I am proud this hockey dynasty is being built in the Green Mountain State. I am particularly pleased that the student athletes who have created this dynasty are doing so while studying at a top-notch academic institution. The demanding academics at Middlebury make the accomplishments of these great student athletes that much more impressive.

Since Bill Mandigo took over as the head coach of the Panthers in 1988, the women's team has posted a record of 329-86-11. That gives Coach Mandigo the most wins by a women's hockey coach at any level. Although the team will graduate five seniors this May, Middlebury will return seven of its top eight scorers from this season, and I am sure that Coach Mandigo's program will continue to develop successful students and athletes.

I congratulate each member of the team: head coach Bill Mandigo, assistant coach Jean Butler, Abby Kurtz-Phelan, Shannon Tarrant, Emily McNamara, Rose Babst, Kerry Kiley, Liz Yale-Loehr, Molly Vitt, Karen Levin, Gillian Paul, Shannon Sylvester, Emily Quizon, Annmarie Cellino, Randi Dumont, Erika Nakamura, Gloria Velez, Alison Graddock, Margaret MacDonald, Lacey Farrell, Ellen Sargent, Tania Kenny, Abby Smith, Nina Daugherty, and Kate Kogut.

Again, congratulations to the Middlebury College Panthers for their third straight national championship.●

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 winning its third straight NCAA Division III National Championship with a victory over St. Norbert College on March 19.

After eight national titles in the last 12 years, there is little new that can be said about Middlebury hockey. The eight national championships, including this recent three-peat, speak for themselves. Under the leadership of Coach Bill Beaney, the Panthers have

achieved an unprecedented level of success, making them the envy of college hockey programs everywhere.

Last week, in reaction to the Panthers' hat trick of national titles, the Burlington Free Press called Middlebury hockey players "talented, determined, motivated student-athletes . . ." Although this description goes without saying, it reminds us that this great hockey team is comprised of students that must balance their athletic and academic responsibilities. At a college as academically renowned and demanding as Middlebury, balancing these responsibilities is no easy task, and these great student athletes must be commended for their efforts both on and off the ice. As a U.S. Senator from Vermont, I am proud to have such a great academic institution in our State, and I am also proud of the incredible hockey program Middlebury has developed.

I congratulate each member of the team: head coach Bill Beaney, assistant coach Chris LaPerle, assistant coach Frank Sacheli, student assistant Ryan Cahill, manager Ryan McQuillan, Ross Cherry, Tom Maldonado, Jed McDonald, Samuel Driver, Jack Kinder, Ryan Harrington, Mickey Gilchrist, Darwin Hunt, Jamie McKenna, Eric LaFreniere, Justin Gaines, Evgeny Saidachev, Robert MacIntyre, Mack Cummins, Jeff Smith, Brett Shirreffs, John Sales, Doug Raeder, Kyle Koziara, Ian Drummond, Richie Fuld, Yen-I Chen, Jocko DeCarolis, Leonard Badeau, Mason Graddock, and Scott Bartlett.

Again, congratulations, Panthers, on another national title and another fantastic season.●

RECOGNITION OF ARTHUR WINSTON

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am very pleased to take a few moments to recognize the amazing life accomplishments of Arthur Winston as he is honored by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority—MTA—family during his retirement and 100th birthday celebration.

Arthur Winston began his association with the MTA at the young age of 15. He would assist his father who was employed by the maintenance department for one of MTA's predecessors, the Pacific Electric Railway Company. In 1924, Arthur began his career with the Pacific Electric Railway Company. After a brief period of separation between 1928 through 1934, he returned at the age of 28 and began 72 years of continuous work. In total, Arthur has devoted 76 years of his life to public service and has missed only day of work since 1934, which occurred when his wife passed away in 1988.

In 1996, Arthur Winston received a congressional citation from President Bill Clinton as "Employee of the Century." In 1997, the MTA board of directors named the agency's bus operating division in South Central Los Angeles,

Chesterfield Square, after him. He has also appeared on the Oprah Winfrey television show where he was invited to share his life's story with her television viewing audience.

Arthur Winston was born in Oklahoma on March 22, 1906 before Oklahoma was officially recognized as a State. He and his family moved to Los Angeles in 1918, when Arthur was 12. He attended Jefferson High School and graduated in 1922. Currently assigned to the bus operations division that bears his name, Arthur serves as an attendant leader and directs a crew of 11 employees. Through their efforts, Los Angeles city buses are properly maintained for use by the city's residents.

I invite all of my colleagues to join me and the members of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority family in commending Arthur Winston for his 100th Birthday and his 76 years of service and dedication to MTA and the city of Los Angeles.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH WHITEHEAD

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph Whitehead, an officer with the Bibb County Drug Squad in Macon, GA who was tragically killed in the line of duty on the early morning of Thursday, March 23, 2006.

An 11-year veteran of the Bibb County Sheriff's Department, Joseph Whitehead was known as an exemplary law enforcement officer who was dedicated to making our neighborhoods safer by fighting drugs in Middle Georgia. His steadfast commitment to fighting gangs and drugs that plague our communities is commendable and will be a lasting legacy for his family, his fellow law enforcement officers, and the citizens of Middle Georgia.

Joseph Whitehead's tragic death is a sad reminder that our law enforcement personnel put themselves in harm's way every day to make this Nation safer and more secure for our children and grandchildren.

Joseph Whitehead will be remembered as a man who loved his family, a true leader, a team player who loved his job, and a man who gave it his all every single day. He is a true American hero.

Georgia's law enforcement community and our entire State grieve his tragic loss. May God bless him, and may God bless his family.●

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MAJOR ALFORD L. McMICHAEL

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor SGM Alford L. McMichael, U.S. Marine Corps. He retires after 36 years of dedicated service to his country and the U.S. Marine Corps.

The consummate Marine, he typifies every desirable characteristic of a staff Non-Commissioned Officer, NCO—unsurpassed leadership, mentorship, guidance, courage, and dedication. Sergeant Major McMichael has served his