

second championship win and a tense victory in the fifth game against the reigning champions, the Sacramento Monarchs.

In 2003, when the Detroit Shock came back after a difficult 2002 season to win the championship, it was the first time in the 7-year history of the WNBA that the championship title was taken by a team other than Houston or Los Angeles.

The finals were tense, as the Shock started off with a loss at the Palace of Auburn Hills, in Michigan on August 30, which they followed up with a 73 to 63 win on Friday, September 1. As the finals moved to the Arco Arena in Sacramento, California, the Shock suffered another loss in the third game. With strength and courage, the Shock beat the Monarchs 72 to 52 in an away win on Wednesday, September 6. With one game left to go, and the prospect of overtaking the WNBA reigning champion, the Shock moved into the Joe Louis Arena for the last game of the finals.

The heat was on as the Sacramento Monarchs led for the first half of the game and went into halftime with a 44 to 36 lead over the Shock. In the beginning of the second half, Deanna Nolan led the Shock to an 18 to 3 scoring run that put the Shock ahead for the rest of the game. The final two points were scored in the last seconds of the game by Katie Smith, with a 17-foot jump shot that made the Detroit Shock one of the very few teams to have achieved multiple championships in the WNBA.

The win over the Monarchs in the deciding game showcased the spectacular performances of the Most Valuable Player of the 2006 WNBA Finals, Deanna Nolan, who, with a total of 24 points, led the game in points scored; Cheryl Ford, who led the game in rebounds, recovered 10 rebounds in addition to scoring 10 points; Katie Smith, who scored 17 points; and the rest of the Shock teammates.

Each member of the Detroit Shock organization made meaningful contributions to the team's success, including players Jacqueline Batteast, Kara Braxton, Swin Cash, Cheryl Ford, Kedra Holland-Corn, Deanna Nolan, Plenette Pierson, Elaine Powell, Ruth Riley, Katie Smith, and Angelina Williams, as well as the Head Coach, Bill Laimbeer, Assistant Coaches Cheryl Reeve and Rick Mahorn, Athletic Trainer Mike Perkins, and the owner of the Detroit Shock, Bill Davidson.

This championship win marks the fourth professional basketball title for Head Coach Bill Laimbeer, including two as coach of the Detroit Shock and two as a player for the Detroit Pistons. This is the fifth championship title for Detroit Shock owner Bill Davidson's Detroit teams.

I know that my colleagues will join me and Senator STABENOW in congratulating the Detroit Shock on another spectacular championship win, and I know that the Shock will continue to be a source of pride for the people of

the City of Detroit and throughout the whole State of Michigan.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the Detroit Shock on winning the 2006 Women's National Basketball Association Championship.

On Saturday, September 9, 2006, the Detroit Shock won their second WNBA Championship by defeating the defending champion Sacramento Monarchs by a score of 80 to 75.

The Detroit Shock were able to celebrate the tenth year of the WNBA with an inspiring victory in the fifth game of the finals and secured their second championship in four years.

The attendance for game 5 at the Joe Louis Arena was over 19,600 people. The enthusiasm shown by the people of Michigan clearly demonstrate Michigan's strong support for the Detroit Shock organization and the determined effort of all of its players.

The Shock completed an incredible season! It was capped by spectacular performances in the deciding game by the WNBA Finals Most Valuable Player, Deanna Nolan, who scored a game high 24 points. Cheryl Ford, who had a game high 10 rebounds, in addition to scoring 10 points; and Katie Smith also contributed 17 points.

Head Coach Bill Laimbeer has now won four professional basketball titles, including two as coach of the Detroit Shock and two as a player for the Detroit Pistons. And the Detroit Shock owner Bill Davidson's Detroit teams have won five championship titles, including three Pistons' Titles.

The Shock demonstrated superior strength, skill, and perseverance during the 2006 season and have made the City of Detroit and the entire State of Michigan proud.

I congratulate the Detroit Shock on winning the 2006 WNBA Championship and recognize all the players, coaches, staff, fans, and others who were instrumental in this great achievement.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements related thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution, (S. Res 567) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolutions with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 567

Whereas, on Saturday, September 9, 2006, the Detroit Shock won the 2006 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Championship by defeating the defending champion Sacramento Monarchs by a score of 80 to 75;

Whereas the Detroit Shock triumphed in 5 highly competitive championship games, going into the final championship game with 1 win and 1 loss in Michigan and 1 win and 1 loss in California;

Whereas the Detroit Shock were able to celebrate the tenth year of the WNBA and the eighth year of the Detroit Shock with an

inspiring victory in the fifth championship game that secured their second WNBA championship in 4 years;

Whereas the attendance at the final championship game at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Michigan, of over 19,600 people and the enthusiasm shown by the people of Michigan clearly demonstrate Michigan's strong support for the Detroit Shock organization and the determined effort of all the team's players;

Whereas the Detroit Shock completed an incredible season, capped by spectacular performances in the final championship game by the Most Valuable Player of the 2006 WNBA Finals, Deanna Nolan, who, with a total of 24 points, led the game in points scored, Cheryl Ford, who led the game in rebounds, recovering 10 rebounds in addition to scoring 10 points, and Katie Smith, who scored 17 points;

Whereas each member of the Detroit Shock organization made meaningful contributions to the team's success, including players Jacqueline Batteast, Kara Braxton, Swin Cash, Cheryl Ford, Kedra Holland-Corn, Deanna Nolan, Plenette Pierson, Elaine Powell, Ruth Riley, Katie Smith, and Angelina Williams, Head Coach Bill Laimbeer, Assistant Coaches Cheryl Reeve and Rick Mahorn, Athletic Trainer Mike Perkins, and the owner of the Detroit Shock, Bill Davidson;

Whereas Detroit Shock Head Coach Bill Laimbeer has won 4 professional basketball titles, including 2 as the coach of the Detroit Shock and 2 as a player for the Detroit Pistons;

Whereas Detroit Shock owner Bill Davidson's 2 Detroit basketball teams have won 5 championship titles; and

Whereas the Detroit Shock demonstrated superior strength, skill, and perseverance during the 2006 season and have made the City of Detroit and the entire State of Michigan proud: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Detroit Shock on winning the 2006 Women's National Basketball Association Championship and recognizes all the players, coaches, staff, fans, and others who were instrumental in this great achievement; and

(2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Detroit Shock for appropriate display.

CONGRATULATING THE COLUMBUS NORTHERN LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 568 submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 568) congratulating the Columbus Northern Little League Team of Columbus, GA, for winning the championship game of the Little League World Series.

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

Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues from Georgia in congratulating the Columbus Northern Little League team for winning the Little League World Series.

I would also like to congratulate a team from my home State, the Lemont Little League team from Lemont, IL. On August 23, these young athletes competed in the U.S. semifinals of the Little League World Series. It was the

culmination of a long journey. After earning the honor of representing Illinois, the Lemont team traveled to the Great Lakes Regional Tournament in Indianapolis. Early in the regional, they lost games to both Indiana and Kentucky. But they turned things around, beating both of those teams to advance to World Series play in Williamsport, PA.

Once again, the team was challenged, losing in its first game. But again, they did not quit, and won their next two games to advance to the U.S. semifinals. The semifinal game against Beaverton, OR, was hard fought. Lemont got on the board first with two runs in the third, but going into the bottom of the sixth and final inning, they were down 4-2. Exhibiting the strength and spirit that got them this far, they rallied, scored and got the tying run to third, but still lost 4-3.

The young men of Lemont Little League had a terrific run, and I congratulate them for going this far into the tournament. Baseball is a wonderful sport and as the summer winds down, I am sure the boys are already looking to next year. I wish them continued success.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 568) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 568

Whereas, on August 28, 2006, the Columbus Northern Little League team defeated the Kawaguchi Little League team of Kawaguchi City, Japan, by 2 runs to 1 run to win the 60th annual Little League Baseball World Series;

Whereas the Columbus Northern Little League team is only the 2nd team from the State of Georgia to win the Little League Baseball World Series in the 60-year history of that tournament;

Whereas the Columbus Northern Little League team had an impressive record of 20 wins and only 1 loss;

Whereas, although no other pitcher in the history of the Little League Baseball World Series had ever won more than 3 games during the tournament, Kyle Carter made history by striking out 11 batters in the championship game to earn his 4th win of the Little League Baseball World Series;

Whereas the success of the Columbus Northern Little League team depended on the tremendous dedication and sportsmanship of the team, including—

(1) Matthew Hollis, who played 2nd base and centerfield;

(2) Ryan Lang, who played right field;

(3) Mason Meyers, who played right field and 3rd base;

(4) Matthew Kuhlenberg, who played left field;

(5) Patrick Stallings, who played 3rd base;

(6) Josh Lester, who played 2nd base and shortstop;

(7) Brady Hamilton, who played 1st base, outfield, and pitched for the team;

(8) Cody Walker, who caught for the team;

(9) Kyle Carter, who pitched for the team;

(10) J.T. Phillips, who played shortstop and pitched for the team; and

(11) Kyle Rovig, who played left field and pitched for the team;

Whereas the Columbus Northern Little League team was managed by Randy Morris and coached by Richard Carter, each of whom demonstrated leadership, professionalism, and respect for the players who they led and the game of baseball;

Whereas the fans of the Columbus Northern Little League team showed enthusiasm, support, and courtesy for the game of baseball and all of the players and coaches;

Whereas the performance of the Columbus Northern Little League team demonstrated to parents and communities throughout the United States that athletic participation builds character and leadership in children; and

Whereas the Columbus Northern Little League team brought pride and honor to the State of Georgia and the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates and honors the Columbus Northern Little League team and the loyal fans who supported the team on winning the 60th annual Little League Baseball World Series;

(2) recognizes and commends the hard work, dedication, determination, and commitment to excellence of the members, parents, coaches, and managers of the Columbus Northern Little League team;

(3) recognizes and commends the people of Columbus, Georgia, for the outstanding loyalty and support that they displayed for the Columbus Northern Little League team throughout the season;

(4) commends Little League Baseball for continuing the tradition of encouraging the development of sportsmanship and confidence in youth by sponsoring world-class baseball; and

(5) respectfully requests that—

(A) the American people recognize the achievements of the Columbus Northern Little League team; and

(B) the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(i) the City of Columbus; and

(ii) each player, manager, and coach of the Columbus Northern Little League Baseball team.

MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 593, H.R. 866.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 866) to make technical corrections to the United States Code.

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 866) was read the third time and passed.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 3884 AND S. 3886

Mr. FRIST. I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3884) to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 3886) to authorize military commissions to bring terrorists to justice, to strengthen and modernize terrorist surveillance capabilities, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. In order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceeding en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 3815

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent S. 3815 be star printed with the changes at the desk.

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

REINTRODUCING S. 3815

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, today, I am taking a parliamentary step to, in effect, reintroduce S. 3815, a bill I sponsored with Senator LINCOLN, that would improve access to and quality of long-term care. By doing this, we are removing a provision from the original text of the bill that we did not intend, nor agree, to include in our legislation. Due to human error, a provision entitled "Liability Acts of Abuse Committed by Employees" was incorrectly included in text of the bill that I introduced with Senator LINCOLN on August 3, 2006.

Mrs. LINCOLN. I thank Senator SMITH for taking this step to correct this error because I do not support the provision regarding liability protection for acts of abuse in nursing homes that was mistakenly included in the version of S. 3815 I cosponsored with Senator SMITH on August 3, 2006. The parliamentary step taken today will replace the incorrect version of legislation with a new version that accurately reflects the bill Senator SMITH and I agreed to sponsor to help improve the quality of life for those who need long-term care.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

INVESTMENT TREATY WITH URUGUAY—TREATY DOCUMENT 109-9

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following treaty on today's Executive Calendar: No. 17. I further ask unanimous consent the treaty be considered as having passed through its various