A resolution (S. Res. 156) commending the achievements of the Rutgers University women’s basketball team and applauding the character and integrity of the players as student-athletes.

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

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 156) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. Res. 156

Whereas under head coach C. Vivian Stringer the Rutgers University women’s basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the “Lady Knights”) finished an extraordinary 2006–2007 season with a 27-3 record;

Whereas, after losing 4 of their first 6 games, the Lady Knights refused to give up and spent their winter break in the gym honing their skills and working to become a better team for the rest of the season;

Whereas, on March 6, 2007, the Lady Knights upset the top-seeded University of Connecticut team for their first-ever Big East Championship title;

Whereas the young women of the Lady Knights displayed great talent in their run to the Final Four of the women’s National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament;

Whereas 5 freshmen played an integral role in the team’s march to the championship game;

Whereas the Lady Knights showed enormous composure with tournament wins against teams playing in their home States;

Whereas, through hard work and determination, the young team fought through improbable odds to reach the NCAA title game;

Whereas the team was just the third number 4 seed in history to reach the championship;

Whereas the Lady Knights made school history as the first athletic team from Rutgers University to play for any national championship;

Whereas, during the 3 weeks of the tournament, the Lady Knights brought excitement to the NCAA tournament and captured the hearts of basketball fans throughout New Jersey and beyond;

Whereas Rutgers students, alumni, faculty, and staff, along with countless New Jerseyans are immensely proud of what the Lady Knights accomplished during the season;

Whereas the members of the team are excellent representatives of Rutgers University and of the State of New Jersey;

Whereas the young women of the Lady Knights are outstanding individuals who are striving to reach lifetime goals both on and off the basketball court;

Whereas the Lady Knights epitomize the term “student-athlete” with a combined B+ grade point average. Who by excelling in academics, music, and community service, Katie Adams, Matee Ajavon, Essence Carson, Dee Dee Jernigan, Rashidat Junaid, Myia McCurdy, Epiphanny Prince, Judith Brittany Ray, Kia Vaughn, and Heather Zurich are great role models for young women across the Nation; and

Whereas the Lady Knights embody integrity, leadership, and class. Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the amazing performance of Rutgers University women’s basketball team in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament; and

(2) expresses its admiration for the achievements and character of this team of remarkable young women.

EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE SENATE TO NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR JON S. CORZINE

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 157, submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 157) extending the best wishes of the Senate to New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and expressing the Senate’s hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

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

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 157) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. Res. 157

Whereas The Honorable Jon S. Corzine, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, served with distinction in the United States Senate from January 3, 2001, to January 17, 2006;

Whereas, during his time in the Senate, Governor Corzine made many friends in both political parties;

Whereas, on April 12, 2007, Governor Corzine was seriously injured in a major traffic accident;

Whereas Governor Corzine is in critical but stable condition in the Trauma Intensive Care Unit at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, New Jersey; and

Whereas Governor Corzine’s many friends in the Senate are deeply concerned about the Governor and have had him in their thoughts since the tragic accident occurred: Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved, That the Senate extends its best wishes to New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and hopes for his speedy and complete recovery.

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 158, which was submitted earlier today.