

used for religious purposes, though some served as burial mounds. Particularly in the Midwest, American Indians often built the earthen mounds in the shape of animals; however, Man Mound, located in Sauk County in Greenfield Township, WI, is the one of the few effigy mounds in the shape of a man. Over 900 mounds once existed in Sauk County, yet over 75 percent of the mounds have been plowed, erased by floods or destroyed by looters and construction. Although the legs of Man Mound were partially destroyed during road construction in the early 1900s, preservation of Man Mound continues and further destruction to the mound has not occurred. Due to the shrinking number of mounds and the rare human shape of the mound in Greenfield Township, Man Mound needs to be recognized as a valuable part of history.

The Sauk County Historical Society dedicated Man Mound Park, the area surrounding the mound, in 1908 and has since made efforts to keep the mound in its original state. The efforts of the people of Sauk County and the Sauk County Historical Society to protect the effigy mound were progressive and laudable. Man Mound is believed to be the best preserved man-shaped Native American effigy mound remaining in the United States, a title only possible through the commitment of the Historical Society and the citizens of Sauk County.

On August 9, 2008, citizens from many parts the State of Wisconsin will gather to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the preservation of the Man Mound. The commemoration will highlight this unique Native American effigy mound, increase awareness of its value as a landmark and allow for further investigation as to whether there are more mounds in the area. Man Mound will serve as an educational resource for the people in Greenfield Township, Sauk County and Wisconsin. The preservation efforts by the people of Sauk County have not gone unnoticed. The Sauk County Historical Society, the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Wisconsin Historical Society, the Wisconsin Archeological Society, the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Archeological Survey and the Sauk County UW Extension, Arts and Culture Committee have dedicated valuable time and resources toward the commemoration of Man Mound. The individuals involved deserve recognition, praise and thanks for their hard work.●

RECOGNIZING THE PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

● Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I seek recognition today to express my gratitude to the Philadelphia Phillies for their extraordinary effort during a recent mentoring event at PNC Park in Philadelphia on June 21, 2008. This particular event was the most recent in a series of events that have been an integral part of a youth outreach program.

Since my days as district attorney in Philadelphia, I have devoted a great

deal of time and attention to developing ways to reduce violent crime. I believe one of the best ways to reduce the rate of youth crime and violence is to develop mentoring programs with the explicit goal of imbuing the youth of Pennsylvania with ideals such as hard work and civic responsibility. With this goal in mind, I have worked diligently to secure funding for mentoring style programs and have subsequently held events focusing on mentoring and the issues of youth crime and violence throughout Pennsylvania including Philadelphia, Reading, Lancaster, York, Pittsburgh, and Allentown.

The mentoring events in which I have participated are intended to provide the young people of Pennsylvania with a day all their own and, simultaneously, highlight how fun and special mentoring relationships can be for everyone involved. It is my belief that when these young people see that there are positive role models readily available in their community to whom they can turn when searching for someone to emulate, the chance of perpetuating violent patterns of behavior will markedly decline. Specifically, youth involved in a formal mentoring program are 46 percent less likely to start using drugs and alcohol and 33 percent less likely to hit another person. Participants also attended school more regularly and completed their school work more consistently and on time. Finally, the children demonstrated improved peer and family relationships as a result of their involvement in mentoring. These indicators make me hopeful that wide-scale mentoring could have a tremendous impact in this city.

The day with the Philadelphia Phillies was no exception. Between the planning efforts and resources of the Phillies organization and the recommendations of my exceptional staff, the event turned out to be memorable for all those who attended. The accommodations the Phillies afforded the kids were exceptional. They went so far as to honor one young person from their own mentoring program and me, and we had the opportunity to get involved in the "First Ball" ceremony. I am sure this is a memory that this young man will carry with him for the rest of his life. I know it is one I will always reflect upon fondly.

In the wake of the numerous scandals plaguing professional athletics, the event on June 21, 2008, reminded all those in attendance how powerful professional athletes can be in serving as positive role models for the children of our communities. There is no doubt that the young people of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will continue to look toward players such as Chase Utley, Tom Gordon, Jimmie Rollins, Pat Burrell, and others in the future when determining who they should emulate.

What I feel is most important to take away from this event is how signifi-

cantly it reflects the desire of the entire Philadelphia community to become involved in programs that have the potential to effect real change in the lives of our youth. When a group as notable as the Philadelphia Phillies sets aside time and resources to enhance the lives of our youth, it establishes a powerful standard for involvement for the rest of the community. For this program to be a success, it is essential to engage groups of caring professionals. The Phillies, much to my pleasure, have done just that.

I look forward to working further into the future with this great organization and the others that I hope will follow their lead.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 2967. An act to provide for certain Federal employee benefits to be continued for certain employees of the Senate Restaurants after operations of the Senate Restaurants are contracted to be performed by a private business concern, and for other purposes.

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 231. An act to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 3145. An act to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway".

S. 3218. An act to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3564) to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.