

As a member of Somerset City Council from 1964 to 1982, Eastham played an active role in helping to establish Somerset Community College and finding a location for what is now Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He considered running for mayor, but his job as a regional salesman for Morton Salt Co. created time constraints that caused him not to seek office.

According to Clarence Love, city clerk during the years Eastham served on council, "he was very conscientious." In Love's opinion, Eastham was an "excellent councilman."

Jimmy Eastham said he thought his father most likely would be remembered most for "standing for what he believed in."

The Reid S. Jones Memorial Fund was established, first and foremost, to help veterans with educational issues.

"A veteran might return from Afghanistan ready to go to law school and need some assistance," Dr. Jones said. "Or, a veteran might return and want to become a law enforcement officer or a mechanic."

As interest on the fund grows, money will be awarded to veterans who demonstrate great potential for success in professional and vocational arenas.

Primarily, the Reid S. Jones Memorial Fund intends to honor "the warrior spirit," Dr. Jones said, "the spirit of courage and bravery" that has helped keep the United States free.

The Reid S. Jones Memorial Fund is now open for tax-deductible contributions. Interested parties may e-mail Dr. Jones at: drjones@jonesfoundation.net or phone her at 606-875-2967.

BELLARMINI UNIVERSITY KNIGHTS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the impressive accomplishments of a remarkable men's basketball team in the Commonwealth, the Bellarmine University Knights.

On March 26, the Knights made school history by winning the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II basketball championship. By defeating the Brigham Young University-Hawaii Seaside 71 to 68, Bellarmine brought home its first national championship title in any sport. Senior guard Justin Benedetti described the atmosphere in the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA, where the championship game was held to be like a home game for the Knights, as many fans traveled to fill the crowd of nearly 3,000.

The morning following their championship win, hundreds of fans, alumni, and students cheered as the team returned to campus and filed off the bus holding high their national trophy. I applaud not only the team's athletic achievement, but also the teamwork and sportsmanship on display as they represented my hometown, Louisville, and our Commonwealth in front of the country's basketball fans.

A state that honors basketball will honor the 2011 Bellarmine Knights team as among the best for seasons to come. Fans will remember a team of unselfish players whose only goal was to win. And they will remember head coach Scott Davenport, who taught his

players to play basketball the way it was meant to be played.

Coach Davenport built this team around talented local players—the entire roster hails from Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. A Louisville native, he led his Knights to a 33–2 overall record this year on their way to the Division II championship. He can now add this collegiate championship to the one he earned coaching the Ballard High School Bruins of Louisville, KY, to the State championship in 1988. It is no wonder he was recently named the 2011 Schelde North America/Division II Bulletin Coach of the Year. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Scott Davenport upon receiving this distinguished honor.

Family members, friends, and the Louisville community are justifiably proud of this team's achievement and the recognition they have earned. This season was a special one for Bellarmine University that we will remember for a long time to come.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bellarmine University Knights men's basketball team upon earning their first national title. I wish them continued success both on and off the court.

HEALTH CARE RALLY

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, on Saturday, March 26 several hundred medical students from across the country came to our State Capital in Montpelier, VT, to rally in support of Vermont going forward with a Medicare for All Single Payer health care system.

These young people were absolutely clear in understanding that for them to be the great physicians and nurses that they want to be, our health care system must change. They believe, as I do, that health care is a right and not a privilege and that a single payer program is the most cost-effective way of achieving that goal. I am very pleased to submit for the RECORD the statement of principle signed by these medical school students.

I ask unanimous consent it be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

As medical students from around the country converge this weekend on the steps of the State House to support Vermont's movement toward a single-payer health system, we want to contribute additional perspectives on our state's discussion of Health Care Reform.

As the Vermont legislature considers Health Care Reform, we, a group of UVM medical students who are invested in the future of Vermont, believe that current and future health care legislation should work toward the following goals:

1. Ensure that every Vermonter has health care coverage through a sustainable system that maintains a desirable environment in which to practice medicine.
2. Replace the current fee for service system that both limits access to physicians and compromises the quality of care given to patients.

3. Empower Vermont to retain and attract high quality physicians to ensure adequate health care for future Vermonters.

Our proposals to help meet these goals are:

1. Initiate a program that reduces the tuition of out-of-state students to in-state levels in exchange for commitment to practice in Vermont after training is complete.
2. Improve funding for the existing loan repayment program through Vermont AHEC to encourage primary care providers to practice in under-served areas of the state.
3. Address the current inequity in the "provider tax" such that out of state providers treating Vermont patients contribute fairly to the Vermont Medicaid program.
4. Simplify the administrative burden upon the provider by developing a system that has a single payer with best-practice guidelines as opposed to the current fee-for-service system.

By addressing these issues in upcoming legislation, we are of the opinion that the quality of health care in Vermont will improve. A sustainable system that addresses many of the national problems with medicine will encourage a strong physician population throughout the state, as well as secure Vermont's future as the healthiest state in America.

As medical students who will inherit the reform currently being debated in Montpelier, we are committed to help shape a sustainable universal health care system. It is our great hope that these changes will be enacted to enable us to provide the best care possible to our future patients.

Larry Bodden, Calvin Kagan, Bud Vana, Ben Ware, John Malcolm, JJ Galli, Vanessa Patten, Nick Koch, Uz Robison, Pete Cooch, Rich Tan, Bianca Yoo, Prabu Selvam, Dave Reisman, Adam Ackrman, Nazia Kabani, Stas Lazarev, Sara Staples, Therese Ray, Kelly Cunningham, Hannah Foote, Laura Sturgill, Megan Malgeri, Kati Anderson, Serena Chang, Caitlan Baran, Leah Carr, Mariah Stump, Daniel Edberg, Franki Boulos, Chelsea Harris, Vinnie Kan, Mairin Jerome, Jimmy Corbett-Detig, Dan Liebowitz, Laura Caldwell, Damian Ray, Mei Lee Frankish.

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Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I wish to discuss an amendment entitled "the Greater Accountability in the Treasury Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2011."

As ranking member of the Senate Small Business Committee, it is my responsibility to ensure that small businesses have access to affordable credit. In this regard, I have worked on a bipartisan basis with Senator LANDRIEU, chair of the Small Business Committee, to include provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that enhanced the SBA's 7(a) and 504 loan programs. Those measures resulted in a 90-percent national increase in SBA lending at a crucial time in our Nation's lending crisis. I also authored provisions, recently enacted into law, to increase the SBA's maximum loan limits for its microloan, 7(a), and 504 loans, to make the SBA more relevant to the needs of today's borrowers. Additionally, I have been supportive of efforts to increase the arbitrarily imposed cap on member business lending at credit unions—at no cost to taxpayers—so that credit unions can play