

Tennessee Lady Volunteers basketball team is the new dynasty in collegiate women's basketball.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this evening, along with my fellow Lady Vol fan, Senator FRED THOMPSON, I introduce this sense-of-the-Senate resolution establishing the Tennessee Lady Vols as the new dynasty in collegiate women's basketball. When one recites the great basketball dynasties of all time, the Boston Celtics, the Chicago Bulls, and the UCLA Bruins Men's team, one should certainly complete that list with the Tennessee Lady Vols.

The greatest coach in women's basketball history, Pat Summitt, who recently appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* as the "Wizard of Knoxville," has led the Lady Vols to their third national championship in a row by defeating a great Louisiana Tech team by the score of 93-75 in the NCAA Tournament final. This victory capped a perfect season at 39 wins and zero losses, the most victories ever for a woman's team. In fact, their current winning streak is 45 games.

I watched, along with my fellow Tennesseans, with pride as the Lady Vols marched through their perfect season, defeating 39 teams by an average margin of 30 points. And 16 of these victories were against teams ranked in the top 25 in the Nation. This dominance is likely to continue into next year because, as all Lady Vol fans know, only one of these champion players is a senior.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort and the team play by the Lady Vols, who include team members, now familiar to this country, Niya Butts, Kyra Elzy, Laurie Milligan, Misty Greene, Kellie Jolly, Semeka Randall, Chamique Holdsclaw, Tamika Catchings, Brynnae Laxton, Kristen Clement, LaShonda Stephens, and Teresa Geter.

I would especially like to acknowledge the tremendous coaching job of Pat Summitt, and all the members of the University of Tennessee who have helped contribute to the building of this great dynasty. Lastly, I would like to recognize the most important group, and one which I am honored to be included in, the great Tennessee Vol fans.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the outstanding victory of the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers in capturing their third consecutive national basketball championship. And I ask my colleagues to join me in formally recognizing the Lady Vols as our country's newest sports dynasty.

Under the leadership of Coach Pat Summitt, the Lady Volunteers went undefeated this season. Only a few weeks ago, *Sports Illustrated* compared

Coach Pat Summitt to the great John Wooden. I think the magazine was right on the mark.

Of course, many of my colleagues had their own home-state favorites in the tournament. But Mr. President, I say that they shouldn't be too disappointed with the outcome. They might want to keep in mind that all those other teams were, after all, up against a basketball dynasty that just finished an undefeated season of 39 wins, coming off back-to-back national championships. Plus, we're talking about a Tennessee team here, so what else could you expect? Frankly, Mr. President, my heart goes out to anybody who would get between the UT players and the win that marks their third consecutive national championship.

Back home in Tennessee we are very, very proud of this team. We're proud of the scholar-athletes. We're proud of the coaching staff. We're proud of the parents and the friends and the faculty who support them. We're proud of a program that has made women's basketball into a national phenomenon. And we're proud that at the end of this season, this team wrote itself into the sports history books with six championships in twelve years.

This is just about as flawless a season of athletic performance as you're ever going to see, and we're fortunate in Tennessee to have this tremendous program and these gifted, talented young people.

So today, I congratulate them. My colleagues have enjoyed this kind of excitement with teams from their own states. And I know they appreciate just how pleased we are in Tennessee to get bragging rights for 1998. Year after year, this tremendous program and these outstanding young people make us proud. So, Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in declaring the University of Tennessee Women's Basketball program a certified, world-class sports dynasty.

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 upon the table, and that any statements relating to this resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 203) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 203

Whereas the Lady Volunteers (referred to in this resolution as the "Lady Vols") won its third straight National Championship in the National Collegiate Athletic Association women's basketball tournament on March 29, 1998;

Whereas the Lady Vols finished the 1997-1998 basketball season with a perfect record of 39 wins and zero losses; and

Whereas the Lady Vols have won 6 National Championships in the last 12 years: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers basketball team should be recognized as the new dynasty in collegiate women's basketball.

Mr. FORD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

#### COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY ON ITS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WINNING ITS SEVENTH NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 204) to commend and congratulate the University of Kentucky on its men's basketball team winning its seventh National Collegiate Athletic Association championship.

Whereas the University of Kentucky Wildcats men's basketball team defeated the University of Utah's team on March 30, 1998, in San Antonio, Texas, to win its seventh National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship; and

Whereas, the Wildcats overcame the largest halftime deficit in a championship game, earning for themselves the nickname "The Comeback Cats, and

Whereas, Coach Tubby Smith, his staff, and his players displayed outstanding dedication, teamwork, unselfishness, and sportsmanship throughout the course of the season in achieving collegiate basketball's highest honor; and

Whereas Coach Smith and the Wildcats have brought pride and honor to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which is rightly known as the basketball capital of the world: now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate commends and congratulates the University of Kentucky on its outstanding accomplishment.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the president of the University of Kentucky.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

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

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I thank the clerk for reading it. I apologize for imposing upon him, but I wanted that to be a part of the RECORD. Not many people will read the RECORD back home. I would like for them to see and hear it. On behalf of the fans and the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, it is a great pleasure for me to come to the Senate floor today to brag on a group of young men that refused to give up, a team that showed us all the best about teamwork, selflessness, and dedication—the 1998 NCAA National Champion University of Kentucky Wildcats.

The University of Kentucky has a storied tradition of outstanding basketball teams; the "Fabulous Five," the "Fiddlin' Five," "Rupp's Runts," and more recently, "The Unforgettables," to name just a few.

But today, we have a new team to add to that list: "The Comeback Cats."

Faced with a 10-point half-time deficit, the Cats overcame that deficit and rallied to beat Utah, a team of outstanding athletes playing under a fine coach. And by doing so, they broke the all-time record for the largest half-time deficit overcome in the NCAA Title game.

But this was not the first time the Wildcats had to make a rally in this tournament. Down to Duke by 17 in the Elite Eight and down by 10 points to Stanford in the National Semifinal, the Wildcats did what we've become accustomed to in Kentucky. They turned up the defense, they hit the offensive boards and they hit the "threes" when they counted.

And they did it on a team that can best be described as a celestial body—a team with no individual stars. As Washington Post sportswriter Michael Wilbon noted this morning, "This is one of the few Kentucky basketball teams that is completely without a star player. But Coach Tubby Smith convinced the players many games ago they don't need one."

This is a team with three seniors as tri-captains who have all sacrificed: Cameron Mills, a player who'll be long remembered for his clutch three-pointers, came to the team as a walk-on after passing up scholarships to play at other schools; Allen Edwards, a three-position player fighting on after the loss of his mother; and Jeff Sheppard, a red shirted player last year who became this year's Most Valuable Player in the Tournament.

Of course all of this would not have been possible without the guidance and steady hand of Coach Tubby Smith, a man filling the shoes of a coach who became a legend in Kentucky over a few short years, Rick Pitino.

Today in Kentucky they're talking about a man who led this team to the Championship and has shown, as a local paper noted, that "skill, intelligence and a self-effacing gentlemanliness are enough to win games—and hearts." Tubby Smith has shown us that nice guys do, indeed, finish first.

For all the players, the coaches, the managers—and anyone else associated with the team—let me say congratulations on a job well done, and please know there are thousands of Kentuckians who are very proud of you.

Mr. President, I might say that of the three times the Tennessee women will have been at the White House to be honored, Kentucky will have been there two of those, and they had to go into overtime to lose the third one. I think we have an outstanding group of people.

I ask for approval of the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 204) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. FORD. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. REID. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, while the Senator from Kentucky is here, I appreciate the resolution that was offered and that was just passed in the Senate. In my estimation, there have never been two teams that had such good sportsmanship. The two coaches were of such high quality. In all their victories along the way, they complemented each other, and last night, even though one was a victor and one was the vanquished, they both talked as if they had won. It was very good performance and set a good standard for sportsmanship.

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The Senate continued with consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, we are operating under a unanimous consent agreement under which the next two amendments are to be proposed by Senator CONRAD of North Dakota and Senator COVERDELL of Georgia. Neither of them is here. We do have two Senators here who are ready to offer amendments, Senator REID of Nevada and Senator ALLARD of Colorado.

I ask unanimous consent now that we hear first from Senator REID and then from Senator ALLARD, warn the other two Senators that this will take perhaps half an hour combined, something of that sort, and they will come after that.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. If I may, in my discussion with Senator REID of Nevada, he believed about 15 to 20 minutes would be his maximum requirement, and I spoke to the Senator from Colorado, Mr. ALLARD. He also talked about the possibility of a matching 20 minutes. So in the unanimous consent agreement, why don't we do that, recognizing that one Senator may not be available to do his immediately, and as such, would the Senator from Colorado be willing to do his when there is a break in the schedule?

Mr. ALLARD. I am more than glad to work with the floor managers on this. I am set to preside over the Senate until 8 o'clock. I have to set up some charts and I am ready to go. I can be flexible, and any Member who thinks they want to go ahead and make comments, it is all right with me.

I just was hoping I could get to go this evening. If there was nobody else that was willing to go, I was ready to go so we wouldn't lose time.

Mr. GORTON. This sounds like a generous offer. I will ask now that Senator REID of Nevada be recognized to offer an amendment in spite of the existing unanimous consent agreement, and then when he is done, we will see who is here and perhaps be able to accommodate Senator ALLARD.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. If I may, Mr. President, we are expecting the unanimous consent agreement that was propounded before that includes Senator CONRAD followed by Senator COVERDELL, and we intend to follow that order, but understanding that after Senator REID presents his, at Senator ALLARD's convenience when we have a break, we will include him as part of the unanimous consent agreement.

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

The Senator from Nevada.

AMENDMENT NO. 2206

(Purpose: To express the Sense of the Senate that the landowner incentive program included in the Endangered Species Recovery Act should be financed from a dedicated source of funding and that public lands should not be sold to fund the landowner incentive program of the Endangered Species Recovery Act)

Mr. REID. I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no objection, the pending amendment will be set aside.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), for himself and Mr. BRYAN, proposes an amendment numbered 2206.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place insert the following:

#### SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE ON OBJECTION TO THE USE OF THE SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS TO FUND CERTAIN PROGRAMS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that the Budget Committee Report accompanying this resolution assumes that the landowner incentive program of the Endangered Species Recovery Act would be funded "from the gross receipts realized in the sales of excess BLM land, provided that BLM has sufficient administrative funds to conduct such sales."

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the Sense of the Senate that the functional totals underlying this resolution assume that:

(1) the landowner incentive program included in the Endangered Species Recovery Act should be financed from a dedicated source of funding; and

(2) public lands should not be sold to fund the landowner incentive program of the Endangered Species Recovery Act.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that Senator BRYAN be added as a cosponsor of this amendment.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this amendment is important because I think what we are doing here is setting some very important public policy. That public policy is that we should not auction off Federal land to take care of the Endangered Species Act.

In short, this sense-of-the-Senate resolution I have presented to the Senate deals with the budget resolution and its report concerning the sale of excess public lands. The provision in question