

his concern for children by establishing the Kids ID Program, which has photographed over 1,200 children to date.

Rubye Haile Howell of Fort Lauderdale, the second school teacher among the electees, has continued her commitment to children long after her retirement. Rubye is the lay leader for the Harris Chapel United Methodist Church and is deeply involved in various organizations in an effort to create unity among people of all ages.

Ms. Audrey Millsaps, also of Fort Lauderdale, has served for 13 years on the Areawide Council on Aging, including 2 years as president. She selflessly advances children's issues through the Florida Ocean Science Institute, SOS Children's Village, the Children Services Board, and the Children's Consortium, among others. Her many hours of service are appreciated by all.

Dan Pearl has served the people of Sunrise in various capacities and is currently deputy mayor. Over a decade ago, Mr. Pearl implemented a free flu shot program, a service which was not covered by Medicare at the time. He has shown his dedication to seniors and the American Cancer Society, and can occasionally be found bagging groceries at Winn Dixie in order to raise money for the organization.

Joe Rosen's dedication to the city of Sunrise and Broward County is far reaching. Not only has he held numerous positions in volunteer organizations, he has been integral in raising over \$45,000 for a host of senior organizations throughout Broward. His concern for the safety of his city's streets is exemplified by his role as commander of Citizens on Patrol-Night Crime Patrol.

Jean Ross, of Margate, a dynamic member of Broward County's senior community, currently serves as president of the Broward County Council of Senior Citizens. This organization serves seniors by providing them with much needed information and assistance. Jean has also assured that the council's blood drives are successful by working closely with Broward County's High Schools on an incentive program.

An exemplary senior advocate and resident of Tamarac, Marc Sultanof serves numerous organizations, particularly in the Kings Point neighborhood. He recently was elected to the Area Agency's Advisory Council, where he serves with distinction, and was appointed as a 1995 delegate to the White House Conference on Aging by Gov. Lawton Chiles.

Katherine Thibault is currently serving a second term as a Pembroke Pines city commissioner. As a result of her efforts in the 1994 Area Agency Seniors for Seniors Dollar Drive, Commissioner Thibault helped raised thousands of dollars for senior programs in Broward County. Ms. Thibault is no stranger to volunteer work. Her contributions to the seniors of Broward County have been appreciated by all.

Amadeo Trinchitella's efforts have also been substantial. Beside serving

the seniors of Broward County, Mr. Trinchitella is a Deerfield Beach commissioner, and has been appointed by Governor Chiles to a 4-year term as commissioner for the North Broward Hospital District. His activities with Century Village have helped to enhance that vibrant senior community.

Ms. Eula Williams, of Fort Lauderdale, is involved in Mt. Olive Baptist Church and the Northwest Federated Women's Club. Her activities include tending the sick, visiting nursing homes, and helping the homebound. Her involvement in the Area Agency's Session for Seniors, classes which help Broward's seniors deal with independent living, has enriched the lives of Broward's older residents.

Once again, I would like to congratulate these outstanding seniors who have diligently and selflessly given of themselves in order to make Broward County a fine place for all of its residents. The State of Florida and Broward County are fortunate to have residents like these making a difference and setting an example for all.●

#### SALUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

● Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers basketball team for yet another outstanding NCAA tournament and an impressive victory over the highly competitive University of Georgia Lady Bulldogs in the championship game. After posting a remarkable record of 32-4, the Lady Vols have brought the national championship title home to Knoxville where it belongs.

The Lady Volunteers displayed the teamwork, talent, and sheer determination to soundly defeat the Georgia Lady Bulldogs 83 to 65. This was clearly a championship performance.

Mr. President, I want to commend these young women, their head coach Pat Summitt and assistant coaches Mickie DeMoss, Holly Warlick, and Al Brown for their hard work and dedication this year. They have made the University of Tennessee, the city of Knoxville, and the entire State of Tennessee proud and all of Tennessee celebrates their victory with them.

The seniors who played their last college basketball game on March 31 should look back on a game perfectly executed and a season Tennesseans will never forget. And those team members who will be on the court next season can look forward to defending their title next year and for many years to come.

I would like to extend a special congratulations to Michelle Marciniak for being named most outstanding player in the Final Four, and to Chamique Holdscaw and Tiffani Johnson, who joined Michelle on the all-tournament team. Everyone involved in this championship team has made the University of Tennessee, the city of Knoxville, and the entire State of Tennessee proud,

and we all look forward to many more championship seasons to come.●

#### GAMBLING'S TOLL IN MINNESOTA

● Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, the Reader's Digest recently condensed an article from the Minneapolis Star Tribune written by Chris Ison and Dennis McGrath that talks about the pull of legalized gambling in the State of Minnesota, which I ask to be printed in the RECORD after my remarks.

For those who are unaware of the problems that we face, please read this article.

It illustrates why we need a national commission to take a look at where we are going in this Nation on legalized gambling. The article follows:

[From the Minneapolis Star Tribune]

#### GAMBLING'S TOLL IN MINNESOTA

(By Chris Ison and Dennis J. McGrath)

[America is becoming a nation of gamblers. Once confined to Atlantic City, Las Vegas and Reno, gambling is now legal in 48 states—all but Hawaii and Utah—and casinos run full tilt in 24. Almost 100 million Americans bet \$400 billion last year and lost \$39 billion to the house.

To win legal status, the industry promised some tax-poor states a river of money for public programs. But along with the wealth came an alarming rise in suicides, bankruptcies and crime. Here is the experience of one state, where the first full-service casino was welcomed in 1988].

Hour after hour, the blackjack cards flipped past, and still she played. Friday afternoon blurred into Saturday. Through the ringing of slot machines and chattering of coins dropping into tin trays, Catherine Avina heard her name paged.

"Are you coming home tonight?" It was her 21-year-old son, Joaquin, on the phone. "Probably not," she answered.

Avina didn't go to Mystic Lake Casino in Prior Lake, Minn., as much as she escaped to it. That weekend in May 1994, the depressed 49-year-old mother of three was escaping the worst news yet—she was in danger of being fired after almost 11 years as an assistant state attorney general. On Monday—her fourth straight day at the casino—she dragged herself back to her St. Paul home, broke and more depressed than ever.

Two days later, Joaquin confronted his mother about her gambling, and they argued. The next morning, when she didn't come out of her bedroom, he peeked in. Two empty bottles of anti-depressants and a suicide note were near her body. Later the family found debts of more than \$7,000, and Avina was still making payments for gambling-addiction therapy received a year earlier.

In less than a decade legalized gambling in Minnesota—\$4.1 billion is legally wagered in the state each year—has created a new class of addicts, victims and criminals whose activities are devastating families. Even conservative estimates of the social toll suggest that problem gambling costs Minnesotans more than \$200 million per year in taxes, lost income, bad debts and crime.

Ten years ago only one Gamblers Anonymous group was meeting in the state; today there are 53 groups. According to research by the Center for Addiction Studies at the University of Minnesota in Duluth, nearly 38,000 Minnesota adults are probably pathological gamblers. A 1994 Star Tribune/WCCO-TV poll found that 128,000 adults in Minnesota—four percent—showed signs associated with problem gambling and gambling addiction.