

month at an exhibition of these marvelous paintings, along with artifacts from the film, at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley City, UT.

I am honored today to acknowledge the work of Arnold Friberg and add my name to the long list of Americans who are grateful for his outstanding contributions.●

CONGRATULATING THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Rutgers University women's basketball team for its thrilling victory against the University of Connecticut on February 27. Before a sold-out crowd of over 8,000 fans, the tenacious Scarlet Knights achieved one of college basketball's most coveted titles: Big East Conference champions. In the process, Rutgers also became only the third team in history to finish its regular season undefeated.

This victory did not come easily, but the Scarlet Knights came ready to play, thirsty to win, and eager to give the Connecticut Huskies a run for their money. Despite trailing UConn by 18 points in the first half, Rutgers refused to give up. Instead, they regrouped, refueled, and used strong defense and solid teamwork to make up the point deficit. Led by head coach C. Vivian Stringer and senior standout Cappie Pondexter, the Scarlet Knights played a flawless second half that capped an outstanding season. By the time the final buzzer rang, the Rutgers women had proven that they can compete with any team in the Nation. More importantly, after winning their second straight conference title, the Scarlet Knights confirmed that hard work, perseverance, and desire remain the keys to success.

With four New Jersey natives on their roster, including Big East Defensive Player of the Year Essence Carson, these young women have become a source of pride for my home State. Coach Stringer, in particular, deserves special recognition for the strong coaching and leadership skills she has demonstrated over her 10 years at Rutgers University. As one of the most recognized and most respected coaches in the game, she was inducted into the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame in 2005. I think I speak for both the Scarlet Knights and the Rutgers community when I say how pleased I am to have Coach Stringer leading this remarkable team.

Mr. President, on behalf of the entire State of New Jersey, I am proud to congratulate the Scarlet Knights once again for their second consecutive Big East Conference title. As the Scarlet Knights begin this year's NCAA tournament, we hope they are able to maintain the momentum that carried them so well through the regular season. We wish them the best of luck.●

TRIBUTE TO REDFORD AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Redford Avenue Presbyterian Church on 100 years of worship and service to the community. This milestone was recently commemorated with 2 days of events, culminating in a dance and dinner celebration that took place on March 6, 2006. This momentous occasion provides the perfect opportunity to reflect on Redford's rich history and to remember the integral role Redford has played in the community over the years.

Redford Avenue Presbyterian Church was established in March 1906 by a small congregation that served what was then known as the Sand Hill in Detroit. The church's membership grew rapidly, and as a result, in 1929, a separate addition was built to accommodate the larger congregation. Unfortunately, in 1945 the sanctuary was completely destroyed by a fire. However, this tragedy provided an important opportunity for the congregation and community to work together to rebuild the church, and by 1954, a new sanctuary, educational wing and fellowship hall was constructed. By the late 1960s, the membership had grown to more than 3,600 people.

Today, Redford Avenue Presbyterian Church has a smaller congregation but has maintained its strong spirit, deep faith and unwavering commitment to serve and minister to the greater Detroit community. For the last 30 years the church has run a daycare center that helps to meet the needs of many working parents in the community. In addition, Redford's educational building is currently being leased to a charter school and is also used by a local division of Sea Cadets.

Redford Avenue Presbyterian Church also continues to make its building available to many groups and organizations in the neighborhood. Considered a cornerstone of the community, Redford consistently provides meeting space for groups such as Narcotics Anonymous and Metro Detroit Deaf Senior Citizens. And, for 1 night each January, the church opens its doors to house, feed, clothe, and minister to the homeless.

I know my Senate colleagues will join me in congratulating Redford Avenue Presbyterian Church and wish its members, volunteers, and ministerial staff many more years of fellowship and service.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5921. A communication from the Vice President, Government Affairs, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrack, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the completion of Amtrack's Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5922. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Administration's intent to award a contract to the Jackson Hole Airport Board for screening services at Jackson Hole Airport in Jackson, Wyoming; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5923. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Administration's intent to award a contract to Covenant Aviation Security, LLC for screening services at Sioux Falls Regional Airport in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5924. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. No. 030805C) received on March 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5925. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Increase" (I.D. No. 012406A) received on March 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5926. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rule; Inseason Retention Limit Adjustment" (I.D. No. 011906B) received on March 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5927. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel Lottery in Areas 542 and 543" (I.D. No. 011306A) received on March 2, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.