

In addition to her rigorous training of up to 25 hours per week, she has also excelled academically. She is now in her junior year at Valley High School in West Des Moines, and has been on the "A" Honor Roll. I believe very strongly that promoting fitness and providing quality education are both key factors in ensuring that children have a bright and successful future. Shawn Johnson is an inspiration to Iowa's young people to stay active, be studious, do what they love, and follow their dreams.

I would like to congratulate Johnson for bringing home four Olympic medals and commend her for her outstanding commitment to the sport of gymnastics. I hope that she continues to pursue her passion and that we will see her endearing smile and more of her amazing performances in London in 2012.

COMMENDING OLYMPIAN LOLO JONES

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I honor an Iowan who has courageously pursued her dreams through great adversity and who has displayed outstanding character and grace throughout her life. Lori "Lolo" Jones recently returned from Beijing, where she competed as a hurdler in the 2008 Olympic Games. Lolo made us all very proud as she represented the United States in Beijing. Although she did not come away from Beijing with a medal, she realized her dream of competing in the Olympics and was a model of athleticism, sportsmanship, and determination.

Lolo has had seemingly limitless energy, a positive attitude and an intense focus on running since she was a child. It is these characteristics that have allowed her to overcome what many would consider to be challenging circumstances, including the fact that her family relocated frequently throughout her childhood.

As a student at Roosevelt High School in Des Moines, she excelled at running as well as academics. After graduating from Roosevelt, Lolo became the first in her family to attend college when she enrolled at Louisiana State University, where she excelled on the LSU track team. She graduated with an economics degree and a minor in Spanish, yet deferred seeking a career in her field of study, determined to pursue her running career instead. She worked part-time jobs to support herself and to have free time to travel for competitions. After missing an opportunity to compete in Athens in 2004, her former LSU coach persuaded sponsors to recognize Lolo's great potential, allowing her to devote herself to becoming a world-class professional athlete.

Competing in and winning many races around the world in the years leading up to the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Lolo became a highly respected athlete, not only for her performances,

but for her exemplary sportsmanship and generosity.

And, through it all, Lolo never forgot where she began her journey. She returned to Roosevelt High School earlier this year to make a donation for improvements to the track, and also for new shoes and equipment for the track team. She also donated winnings from a recent race to a victim of the flooding that ravaged Iowa this spring.

I salute Lolo Jones for her extraordinary discipline and hard work, for her determination to improve and excel as an athlete, and also for her grace, generosity, and strength of character. She has been, and will continue to be, a wonderful role model for all athletes and for all young people seeking to excel in their field. I congratulate her on all of her achievements and on realizing her dream of competing in the Olympics. I hope and expect that we will see Lolo again in London in 2012, this time hurdling her way toward Olympic gold.

REMEMBERING BABE RUTH

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and career of Babe Ruth, one of America's greatest baseball players. The man we know as Babe Ruth, was born on February 6, 1895, as George Herman Ruth, Jr. and passed away 60 years ago on August 16, 1948. In his obituary, the New York Times called him "a figure unprecedented in American life. A born showman off the field and a marvelous performer on it, he had an amazing flair for doing the spectacular at the most dramatic moment." Although he played his last season in 1935, Ruth still holds the records for all-time highest slugging percentage. Ruth's 714 career homers and his consistent dominance in the batter's box rightly earned him the nickname, "The Sultan of Swat."

However, Babe Ruth was more than a superior ballplayer. Although his dramatically big swing earned him a place in the record books, Mr. Ruth was a figure of legendary proportions who permanently changed the game of baseball and made it a fixture in American life. His famous "called" shot in the 1932 World Series is so ingrained in our national memory and baseball lore that even our youngest children playing tee-ball in backyards across the country seek to emulate this iconic moment.

Mr. Ruth was also famous for his generosity, working for the Red Cross during World War II, organizing charity golf tournaments with longtime adversary Ty Cobb, appearing at benefits, and buying more than \$100,000 in war bonds. A year before his death, he established the Babe Ruth Foundation, which provided assistance to disadvantaged children. Linda Ruth Tosetti, Mr. Ruth's granddaughter, is a resident of Connecticut, and today I would like to remember her grandfather, one of the greatest sports legends in our Nation's history.

RECOGNIZING THE LA SALLE ACADEMY PLAYERS

Mr. REED. Mr. President, today I recognize the achievement of the La Salle Academy Players, the theater troupe from my high school alma mater, which recently gave four performances of "The Scottish Play: Macbeth" at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. This prestigious event, the world's largest arts festival, is held annually in Scotland.

The La Salle Players were one of only 43 high school troupes chosen to perform from among hundreds of high school drama programs by the American High School Theatre Festival. La Salle Academy was the first Rhode Island private high school and only the second Rhode Island high school to have been selected in the 14 years that the American High School Theatre Festival has participated in the Fringe Festival.

I am especially pleased to share that, by all reports, the young men and women of the La Salle Players conducted themselves with great talent and poise, representing both their school and their country with distinction.

I want to individually recognize the cast and crew, faculty, and staff, who were instrumental to this effort: Brother Michael McKenery, the president of La Salle Academy, served as producer. The student cast and crew included Trisha Moise, Tiia Groden, Gabbie Whitney, John Pleasants, Dan Tracy, John Coletta, Nick Oliveira, Nick Montecalvo, Ryan Zins, Cam Burns, Matt Petrarca, Mark Sullivan, Valentina Szlashta, Michael Commendatore, Alex Schlageter, Sean Walsh, Kevin Cronin, Molly B. Allen, Katie Ryan, Emily Maher, Colin Whitney, Ashley Smith, Stephen Zukauskas, JR McKenzie, and Michael Gebhart. Faculty and staff included Thomas Haynes, Elissa Cerros, Margaret Hayes, and David Cabral.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF WUOM-FM

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, it is with pleasure that I, along with my Michigan colleague, Senator STABENOW, congratulate WUOM-FM on 60 years of successful broadcasting. Over the past six decades, WUOM-FM, the University of Michigan's flagship public radio station, has become a fixture in public broadcasting, distinguishing itself through the breath and depth of its programming and through its unwavering dedication and service to its many listeners throughout southeastern Michigan.

Since its inception as a small radio station broadcasting in the Ann Arbor area, WUOM-FM has been a consistent and important voice in public radio in Michigan. In 1950, WUOM broadcasted its first Michigan Football game, a tradition it would enjoy for the next 50 years, and in 1958, it broadcasted its