

and developing their skills, the parents and coaching staff dedicated just as much time supporting the team. As a father of two young boys who love to play sports, I know how rewarding it can be to watch my sons' games. I also know how dedicated parents must be to drive their kids to practice every day, make it to the games, and cheer the whole game through. It is this kind of dedication that builds a support network worthy of a State championship.

Once the playoffs started, the Bobcats' true character shined even brighter as they never lost faith in themselves and prevailed as a team. Their conduct this season should be an example for all other student athletes to follow. I congratulate the Oregon-Davis Bobcats on their State championship and commend them for the example they set for all student athletes who I hope are inspired by their example.●

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO STEPHEN JOEL TRACHTENBERG

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, as an alumnus of the George Washington University, GW, I wish to take a few minutes to pay tribute to president Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, who is retiring in July after 19 years of dedicated service to GW.

President Trachtenberg became the 15th president of GW on August 1, 1988. A native of Brooklyn, NY, President Trachtenberg came to GW from the University of Hartford, CT, where he had been president for 11 years. Before assuming the presidency of Hartford, he served for 8 years at Boston University as vice president for academic services and academic dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Previously, he was a special assistant for 2 years to the U.S. Education Commissioner, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He was also an attorney with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and a legislative aide to former Indiana Congressman John Brademas.

President Trachtenberg has shown a strong commitment to public, civic, and personal service. He worked tirelessly to honor and enhance the relationship between the University and the District of Columbia, supporting and mentoring students, and leading and advocating for reinvention, change and civic engagement.

In 1989, President Trachtenberg created the 21st Century DC Scholars Program—now the Stephen Joel Trachtenberg Scholars—which has granted almost 100 full scholarships to students from the DC Public Schools to attend GW. Under his leadership, GW's Multicultural Student Services Center has become a strong center for cultural awareness and celebrations, student development, and diversity training. His dedication to civic service is reflected throughout the University, its faculty, and its students.

GW has experienced great changes and improvements under President Trachtenberg's leadership. During his

tenure, the university has seen the number of undergraduate applications triple. Financial aid to students, research funding, and campus infrastructure investment have also significantly increased.

President Trachtenberg has received numerous accolades from across the Nation and abroad for his service, vision, intellect, wit and compassion. His passion and demonstrated commitment to GW and its students, the city of Washington, DC, and the pursuit of lifelong learning are to be commended. I congratulate him on his record of service and outstanding leadership.●

#### HONORING SENATOR ANITA BOWSER

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the life of a distinguished public servant, community leader, and friend, Senator Anita Bowser, who passed away at the age of 86 on March 4. Senator Bowser's dedication to the State of Indiana kept her involved in public service throughout her life, and I know that she will be greatly missed.

Senator Bowser was a good and decent woman who dedicated her life to serving others. From her work as a constitutional scholar to her role as a State representative, her career was filled with acts of conscientious service on behalf of friends, family members, and Hoosiers across Indiana.

In 1980, Senator Bowser retired from teaching political science at Purdue University, North Central, and started her career in the Indiana House of Representatives. In 1992 she was elected to the state senate representing LaPorte and St. Joseph Counties. Throughout her career as an elected official, Senator Bowser addressed issues such as prescription drug assistance, the protection of Indiana's telephone privacy list, support for agricultural development, assistance for victims of sexual assault, and tax amnesty for small businesses.

As Governor of Indiana, I had the privilege of seeing firsthand the difference Senator Bowser's efforts have made in our State. The contributions she made through her leadership and philanthropy touched countless lives, and her dedication and strong will made her a role model for a generation of Hoosiers.

Senator Bowser's many accomplishments include being the first woman to act as house speaker, deputy speaker pro-tempore, in the history of the State. In addition, she received numerous honors based on her public service, including the Louis Ingelhart Award for Freedom of Expression, the Amnesty International Abolitionist of the Year Award, and the Robert Dale Owen Legislator Award from the Indiana Civil Liberties Union. She was also a founding member and the first woman to be hired to teach at Purdue University, North Central, in Westville. A veteran lawmaker, Senator Bowser was

widely respected as the conscience of the Indiana State Senate.

Before she died, Senator Bowser was the ranking Democrat on the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee and was a member of the Judiciary Committee, the Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters Committee, the Ethics Committee, and Education and Career Development Committee. It is a rare person who can make such an impact on so many people over the course of one life. Hoosiers will miss Senator Bowser as a friend, a community leader, and a committed advocate for our State.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Senator Anita Bowser in the official RECORD of the United States Senate for her service to the State of Indiana.●

#### TRIBUTE TO WAYNE TIPPETS

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, on March 2, 2007, the Boise Veterans Administration Medical Center bade farewell to its director of 14 years, Wayne Tippets. After a dedicated career with the VA spanning 37 years, Wayne retired with plans to travel and spend time with his family. I also understand that his retirement will likely include golfing.

Wayne served with the VA across the Nation, in places such as Iowa, Tennessee and California, before coming back to Idaho in 1993. He recognizes the importance of honesty, a strong work ethic, and the critical importance of competent, compassionate staff, and volunteers to the hospital's success. Wayne has handled the almost doubling of hospital patients over the past 14 years with a sense of pragmatism and drive to continue a history of responsible service to Idaho's veterans. Under his leadership, the Boise VAMC rebuilt and modernized the medical/surgical ward; constructed a behavioral health center, outpatient care building, and specialty care clinic; opened a larger and modernized emergency room; opened a new building in Twin Falls; opened a new administration building; opened a community-based outpatient clinic in Caldwell; and established a patient care access point in Salmon, ID, offering social worker and telepsychiatry services.

Wayne was instrumental in these and other improvements and expansion of VA patient services throughout his tenure in Idaho. I wish him well in retirement and thank him for his long years of service to our Nation's veterans.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 429. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Hugh L. Carey United States Courthouse".