

that began on a local farm into a premier equestrian facility.

Mr. Williams's passion and dedication for Keeneland and horse racing began when he was just a boy, when he moved to Lexington and attended his first race at Keeneland. Since that first race, Mr. Williams has been in attendance at a majority of Keeneland's races.

Mr. Williams has had the opportunity to serve under three Keeneland presidents: Mr. Ted Bassett, Mr. Bill Greely and the current CEO, Mr. Nick Nicholson. Mr. Nicholson spoke dearly of Jim when asked to reflect on his service. In a recent article in the Lexington Herald-Leader, he said:

To put Jim's tenure in perspective, when he joined Keeneland in 1971, Richard Nixon was president, "All in the Family" premiered on television, and gas was 30 cents a gallon. Since that time, Jim has been the public face of Keeneland, and he has conducted himself in a manner that has enhanced Keeneland's stature in the eyes of everyone who has had the pleasure of meeting him. Jim is a man of character, integrity and humility. We at Keeneland thank him for his many years of service and wish him the best in his retirement.

Jim Williams is a legend in Kentucky horse racing and his contributions to the Commonwealth's most hallowed sport are immeasurable. His retirement is going to leave a large hole that will be very hard to fill. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jim Williams for his 38 years of service to Keeneland and to Kentucky horse racing.

BOWLING GREEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I read an article of great interest in the Bowling Green Daily News involving the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce. The article commended the chamber on being recognized by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives as the number-one chamber in the nation. Bowling Green and the surrounding community has experienced significant growth in the areas of business and industry, due to the chamber's efforts to keep Bowling Green a flourishing and vibrant city. I know my colleagues join me in commending the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce for all it has done to better their community and State. I am pleased to see their hard work being recognized.

I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Bowling Green Daily News, Aug. 4, 2009]

"WE'RE NO. 1" CHANTS A THRILL FOR BG AREA CHAMBER LOCAL GROUP NAMED BEST IN THE NATION IN ITS CATEGORY

(By Jenna Mink)

"About 100 state and local officials, business leaders and community members gathered at the Bowling Green Area Chamber of

Commerce today, many of them chanting, "We're No. 1." The Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce recently was named the best chamber of its size in the nation, chamber officials announced today.

"I can't tell you what a great feeling it is to say we're the No. 1 chamber in the nation," said Jim Hizer, president and CEO of the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce.

Each year, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, a national group of chamber leaders, chooses the top chambers in the nation. Chambers are separated into three categories based on their revenue; the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce won in the mid-size category, beating about 45 chambers that were invited to apply for the award.

When choosing the top chamber of commerce, ACCE officials look at "the entire scope of the chamber, from its financial practices all the way to programs and special events," said Tonya Matthews, vice president of chamber operations. "They really don't miss a beat in digging into the chamber."

This is the second year the local chamber has been a finalist—last year, it was one of the top three chambers, but did not pick up the top award.

"All I was thinking about was to be a finalist two years in a row and not come home with an award would be an empty feeling," Hizer said. "But we don't have to worry about that." The chamber of commerce works to boost the business community by attracting new companies to the area and helping existing businesses expand.

"Our principle responsibility is to bring wealth and prosperity to our community for the benefit of our business members, partners and for all citizens," Hizer said.

About 7,000 chambers exist in the United States and 1,400 of those are members of the ACCE. This year, two other cities that sit along Interstate 65 won ACCE awards—Nashville's chamber won the large division and Columbus, Ind., won the small division, according to the chamber.

In 2008, about 26 businesses either located or expanded operations in the Barren River area with a total investment of about \$105 million and 2,092 additional jobs, according to the chamber.

And because of its new businesses and expansion efforts, southcentral Kentucky received several national recognitions last year—the area was named by Forbes Magazine the 12th best small place in the area for businesses and careers. It was also ranked 33rd of 363 metropolitan areas in job growth and employment.

"The fact that the Bowling Green metropolitan area, by virtually every measure, has been . . . the fastest growing metropolitan area in the state of Kentucky, is evidence that we are achieving our objective in spite of a challenging economic environment," Hizer said.

As for future economic development, the ACCE award will help attract new businesses and convince existing businesses to consolidate here or expand, Hizer said.

"This sent a message to the rest of the world that there are some special things happening here in southcentral Kentucky," Hizer said. "And that in and of itself will draw additional interest to our community."

Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce for receiving the 2009 Chamber of the Year award.

The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce is truly an outstanding organization. It provides an invaluable serv-

ice to South Central Kentucky by working with its more than 1,300 partners to stimulate economic development and create a better business environment in the region. Its hard work and advocacy has also enabled Bowling Green to compete nationally and to earn Site Selection Magazine's ranking of ninth for its number of 2008 industry and expansion projects.

The greater Bowling Green region is home to a resilient economy where small and large businesses are forced to contend with a number of economic challenges. Recognizing these challenges, the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce has remained committed to aiding businesses as they work their way through today's economic landscape.

Strong leadership and solid organization have contributed to the chamber's record of success. Under the guidance of current chamber president, Jim Hizer, the chamber's membership and activities have continued to increase, providing local businesses more opportunities for growth and employment.

I would like to congratulate the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce for receiving the 2009 Chamber of the Year award. Over the years, it has become a strong organization committed to serving the interests of its members and community. I wish it all the best in its future endeavors within Kentucky and around our Nation.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, last Friday was the eighth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, and we solemnly remembered the thousands of innocent lives, of many nationalities and religions, that were so cruelly and indiscriminately destroyed on that infamous day. It was a defining moment for our country, and since then we have sought to address the shocking intelligence and security failures that enabled the perpetrators to so brazenly enter this country and carry out those attacks, as well as to track down the masterminds of that atrocity and to destroy al-Qaida and other terrorist networks that have become a global menace.

We all recognize the threat that violent extremists pose to Americans, as well as to citizens of other countries, and the imperative of countering it. This should not be a matter of partisan politics, but of working together in a common purpose for the sake of law abiding people everywhere. I supported many of the initiatives of the Bush administration, as I have the Obama administration, to make our borders more secure, to improve our intelligence gathering, to track down terrorists and bring them to justice.

But there have been strong differences over what tactics to use, and the effectiveness of military force to combat violent extremism in countries where we are widely seen as invaders or occupiers. No issue has generated more

controversy than the Bush Administration's abuse of detainees, whether at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, Bagram prison in Afghanistan, Guantanamo, other secret detention facilities around the world, or through the use of "extraordinary rendition" whereby prisoners were secretly delivered to the custody of foreign security forces whose use of torture was well documented.

These policies and practices, conceived and supported at the highest levels of the Bush administration, justified by Department of Justice lawyers who made a mockery of the law, and steadfastly defended as recently as last week by former Vice President Cheney, were abhorrent. They were also dangerous. They violated our international legal obligations, caused grave harm to our reputation as a country devoted to the rule of law, endangered our service men and women who every day face the risk of capture and mistreatment by our enemies, and caused deep embarrassment among the American people who, for generations, have taken pride in the image of our country as a defender of human rights and the highest moral values.

Last Friday, these issues and concerns were eloquently addressed in a timely piece in *The Miami Herald* by two distinguished retired senior U.S. military officers, Charles C. Krulak, who was commandant of the Marine Corps from 1995 to 1999, and Joseph P. Hoar, who was commander in chief of U.S. Central Command from 1991 to 1994. I urge all Senators to read it, and ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the *RECORD*.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the *RECORD*, as follows:

[From the *Miami Herald*, Sept. 11, 2009]

FEAR WAS NO EXCUSE TO CONDONE TORTURE

(By Charles C. Krulak and Joseph P. Hoar)

In the fear that followed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Americans were told that defeating Al Qaeda would require us to "take off the gloves." As a former commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps and a retired commander-in-chief of U.S. Central Command, we knew that was a recipe for disaster.

But we never imagined that we would feel duty-bound to publicly denounce a vice president of the United States, a man who has served our country for many years. In light of the irresponsible statements recently made by former Vice President Dick Cheney, however, we feel we must repudiate his dangerous ideas—and his scare tactics.

We have seen how ill-conceived policies that ignored military law on the treatment of enemy prisoners hindered our ability to defeat al Qaeda. We have seen American troops die at the hands of foreign fighters recruited with stories about tortured Muslim detainees at Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib. And yet Cheney and others who orchestrated America's disastrous trip to "the dark side" continue to assert—against all evidence—that torture "worked" and that our country is better off for having gone there.

In an interview with Fox News Sunday, Cheney applauded the "enhanced interrogation techniques"—what we used to call "war crimes" because they violated the Geneva Conventions, which the United States insti-

gated and has followed for 60 years. Cheney insisted the abusive techniques were "absolutely essential in saving thousands of American lives and preventing further attacks against the United States." He claimed they were "directly responsible for the fact that for eight years, we had no further mass casualty attacks against the United States. It was good policy . . . It worked very, very well."

Repeating these assertions doesn't make them true. We now see that the best intelligence, which led to the capture of Saddam Hussein and the elimination of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was produced by professional interrogations using non-coercive techniques. When the abuse began, prisoners told interrogators whatever they thought would make it stop.

Torture is as likely to produce lies as the truth. And it did.

What leaders say matters. So when it comes to light, as it did recently, that U.S. interrogators staged mock executions and held a whirling electric drill close to the body of a naked, hooded detainee, and the former vice president winks and nods, it matters.

The Bush administration had already degraded the rules of war by authorizing techniques that violated the Geneva Conventions and shocked the conscience of the world. Now Cheney has publicly condoned the abuse that went beyond even those weakened standards, leading us down a slippery slope of lawlessness. Rules about the humane treatment of prisoners exist precisely to deter those in the field from taking matters into their own hands. They protect our nation's honor.

To argue that honorable conduct is only required against an honorable enemy degrades the Americans who must carry out the orders. As military professionals, we know that complex situational ethics cannot be applied during the stress of combat. The rules must be firm and absolute; if torture is broached as a possibility, it will become a reality. Moral equivocation about abuse at the top of the chain of command travels through the ranks at warp speed.

On Aug. 24, the United States took an important step toward moral clarity and the rule of law when a special task force recommended that in the future, the Army interrogation manual should be the single standard for all agencies of the U.S. government.

The unanimous decision represents an unusual consensus among the defense, intelligence, law enforcement and homeland security agencies. Members of the task force had access to every scrap of intelligence, yet they drew the opposite conclusion from Cheney's. They concluded that far from making us safer, cruelty betrays American values and harms U.S. national security.

On this solemn day we pause to remember those who lost their lives on 9/11. As our leaders work to prevent terrorists from again striking on our soil, they should remember the fundamental precept of counter-insurgency we've relearned in Afghanistan and Iraq: Undermine the enemy's legitimacy while building our own. These wars will not be won on the battlefield. They will be won in the hearts of young men who decide not to sign up to be fighters and young women who decline to be suicide bombers. If Americans torture and it comes to light—as it inevitably will—it embitters and alienates the very people we need most.

Our current commander-in-chief understands this. The task force recommendations take us a step closer to restoring the rule of law and the standards of human dignity that made us who we are as a nation. Repudiating torture and other cruelty helps keep us from

being sent on fools' errands by bad intelligence. And in the end, that makes us all safer.

POLAND'S 70 YEAR JOURNEY

Mr. KERRY. Madam President, this month we commemorate an important anniversary: 70 years ago the Second World War began in Europe with a ruthless Nazi assault on Poland. Outnumbered and outgunned, Poland's defenders fought bravely, forced to surrender only through the overwhelming force of their enemies. Every American should remember the sacrifice made by the heroes of Poland, whose bravery was tragically often rewarded with a concentration camp or a bullet in the head in a dark forest. They were the first of many innocent victims, almost too many to count.

On an occasion like this it is important to honor the past, remind the present of the sacrifice of those who came before, and warn the future that the world should never allow the initiation of such catastrophic events again.

In September 1939, authoritarian paranoia and violence won out over trust and humanity, and in the end the world burned. Seventy years later, Poland and its democratic neighbors work together in Brussels to build a better Europe. We remember the importance of that hard-won cooperation on this 70th anniversary.

As Americans, let us appreciate this achievement, help extend the cooperation, and continue to assist in the preservation of democratic ideals.

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I wish to speak about a matter of great prominence to the people of my State. This past Friday, in Springfield, MA, Jerry Sloan and John Stockton were inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. This is a well-deserved honor, and I wanted to take a few moments to congratulate them both.

As any fan of professional basketball can tell you, the Energy Solutions Arena in Salt Lake City is widely considered one of the most difficult places for visiting teams to play. Some have tried to blame this on the city's high elevation, but, if you have ever been to a game there, you know very well that it is because of the Jazz fans.

You see, due to its relatively small population, Utah has only one major sports franchise—the Jazz. And there were times when people thought that this small market would not be able to sustain even a single NBA team. But for more than two decades the Jazz have enjoyed one of the most loyal and supportive fan bases of any team in professional sports. This is due in no small part to the careers of both John Stockton and Jerry Sloan.

John Stockton grew up in Spokane, WA, and played basketball at both