

Atlantic Treaty and a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Article 10 of the North Atlantic Treaty, which outlines NATO's Open Door policy, is part of the doctrinal foundation of the Alliance. Montenegro's accession to NATO will demonstrate to other countries in the Balkans and beyond that NATO's door remains open to nations that undertake the reforms necessary to meet NATO's requirements and contribute to the security of the Alliance, and is yet another milestone in advancing the EuroAtlantic integration of the Balkans. I am pleased that, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the ratifications of this Protocol by our NATO allies, Montenegro can soon join us as a member of this great Alliance.

I ask the Senate to continue working with me in advancing a Europe whole, free, and at peace by providing its prompt advice and consent to ratification for this Protocol of Accession. My Administration stands ready to brief and assist you in your deliberations.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 28, 2016.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 3110

Mr. SASSE. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3110) to provide for reforms of the administration of the outer Continental Shelf of the United States, to provide for the development of geothermal, solar, and wind energy on public land, and for other purposes.

Mr. SASSE. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. SASSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 516, S. Res. 517, S. Res. 518, S. Res. 519.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions.

S. RES. 516

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, Senator CORKER and I have come to the floor having submitted a resolution honoring the life and achievements of Pat Summitt, the former University of Tennessee basketball coach who died this week. She coached for 38 years and became the winningest coach—man or woman—in Division I history.

I had the privilege of going to the White House with Coach Summitt in April of 1989. I was president of the University of Tennessee at the time, and she had just won the national championship. President Bush, The first President Bush, recited the usual statistics about Pat Summitt's remarkable coaching career. The President said: "And in 13 years she brought Tennessee to the final four 10 times, winning it twice." This was in 1989, a long time before she retired. "Later on we're going down to that fountain over there that you all can see, to see if literally she can walk on water."

That was what President Bush said of Pat Summitt.

So when it came time for Coach Summitt to speak—the winningest basketball coach in our country's Division I history—this is what she said:

Mr. President, we're honored and delighted to be here. I am extremely proud of our academic success. We have won two national championships in the last 3 years, but the most important statistic for our team and our program is the 100-percent graduation rate, of which we will hold our heads very proudly.

Pat Summitt did everything by the book, and she made sure her players did as well. She had some of the most remarkable athletes in any program in the country. One of those is Candace Parker, who is still playing in professional women's basketball. If I remember this right, there was finally a game when Candace got to play near her hometown in a Midwestern city. So the whole town turned out—all of her friends, all of her family. Everybody had come to see a young woman who was then the most celebrated women's basketball player in the country. But Candace Parker had missed a curfew the night before by a few minutes, and so Pat Summitt sat her on the bench for the first half while her family, her friends, and everybody had come to see her play watched. Everyone understood that's how Pat Summitt did things.

She began her career when she was 22. She was paid \$250 a month for that. She was a graduate student at the University of Tennessee. For many, women's basketball consisted still of three women on one end of the court and three on the other. The NCAA didn't even sponsor a national championship game at that time. Pat really invented many aspects of the women's college game, and what she didn't invent she taught to the rest of us.

It will be hard for people outside Tennessee to appreciate how much she became a part of us. She literally taught us the game. She was so up-front and personal about it all. She introduced us to her players. She told us about their great abilities and successes. She told us about their failures and when they weren't living up to their potential. She invited us to go into her locker room at halftime and listen to her fiery halftime speeches. She made time for every single person who touched her. There are countless stories about that.

But the best wanted to play for Pat Summitt because she was the best.

Tamika Catchings, still playing and retiring this year—one of the great players in women's college basketball—was the women's college basketball player of the year. She was in high school when Tennessee already had the best team and the best players, but Tamika wanted to go to Tennessee to play for Pat Summitt, to play with Chamique Holdsclaw because she wanted to be a part of the best team.

Tennesseans are very, very proud of Pat Summitt. We know that when the nation saw her, they might think a little better of us because she was one of us. She was a great friend, not just a friend of mine and our family, but thousands of Tennesseans.

Today, we honor her life. We honor that she lived that life by the book, that she taught so many young women how to live their lives by the book, that she brought out the best in so many of them and inspired the rest of us to think a little bigger for ourselves.

Four years ago at a young age, 60 years of age, suddenly she had Alzheimer's disease. She confronted that just as well, and set an example for the rest of us.

So for Pat Summitt, this is a day to honor a woman of style, a woman of substance, a farm girl who grew up to be the winningest coach in the country and who by her example and by her life brought out the best in her players and set an example for the rest of us.

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Four years ago, at a young age—about 60, 59 years of age—suddenly she had Alzheimer's disease. She confronted that, as well, and she set an example for the rest of us in fighting through that. For Pat Summitt, this is a day to honor a woman of style, a woman of substance, a farm girl who grew up to be the winningest college coach in the country and who, by her example and by her life, brought out the best in her players and set an example for the rest of us.

I have joined Senator CORKER in submitting this resolution, which the Senate will adopt this evening.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, I am so glad to join the senior Senator from our State, who set such an example in the Senate in recognizing and honoring Pat Summitt. Basketball has lost a legend, and Tennessee has lost one of its own beloved daughters. There is

perhaps no one who left with a more indelible mark on his or her profession than Pat. In her 38 years as head coach of the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers, she amassed a historic record of achievement and blazed a trail for women across our country.

A farm girl from Henrietta, TN, Pat attended the University of Tennessee at Martin, earning a bachelor's degree and leading the women's basketball team to two national championship tournaments. Shortly after graduating, she accepted a position at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville as head coach of the women's basketball team at 22 years old. The rest, they say, is history.

In those early years, Pat washed the jerseys, drove the team van, and was paid \$250 a month. Thirty-eight years later, she walked off the hardwood as the winningest NCAA Division I basketball coach in history, with 1,098 victories, 8 national championships, 32 combined Southeastern Conference titles, and zero losing seasons. If you asked Pat, there was only one number that she would point to: 161—161 Lady Vols who had the honor of wearing the orange and white over the span of her career. As she once wrote, "I won 1,098 games, and eight national championships, and coached in four different decades. But what I see are not the numbers. I see their faces."

Her influence on their lives was felt as much off the court as it was on it. Every player who completed her eligibility at the University of Tennessee under Pat Summitt graduated. That is remarkable—every single player in 38 years. Think about that. The impact she had on her players at the University of Tennessee, the Knoxville community, and the game of basketball will be felt for years to come.

In closing, as we look back on Pat's life, I will echo the words of my friend and former Tennessee football coach Phillip Fulmer, who said: "Coach Summitt did not want a pity party. She said, 'If you're going to have one, I'm not coming.'"

Today, I join all Tennesseans in celebrating her life—celebrating the victories, the titles, the relationships, and celebrating a life well-lived and a fight hard fought. I extend my thoughts and prayers to her son Tyler, the Lady Vol family, and all those who were touched by her truly remarkable life.

I yield the floor.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I want to add my voice of sadness and regret for the loss of Pat Summitt. I extend my deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and the entire Lady Vols community. Pat Summitt was a trailblazer for all American women. I am honored to be a cosponsor of Senators ALEXANDER and CORKER's resolution recognizing Coach Summitt's incredible and inspirational life.

America lost a true champion this week. It was not just that Pat Summitt was a competitor. It was that she was the competitor. Pat won eight

NCAA championships, had 18 Final Four appearances, and won 84 percent of her games—more wins than any other woman or man basketball coach in NCAA history.

Like so many athletes, her love of basketball started when she was a young girl. Growing up in Tennessee, she was always playing basketball with her three older brothers in their family's barn house. Rather than discourage and end their daughter's interest, her parents moved their family to a school district that actually had a girl's high school basketball team. They showed how important support can be to a young girl with a dream.

Her passion only grew and followed her to college at the University of Tennessee at Martin. But she went without an athletic scholarship because women weren't offered them yet. Still, education had always been important in her family—she had never missed a day of school—and Pat graduated in 1974. Degree in hand, she was asked to be the assistant coach of Tennessee's women's team at the university's flagship campus in Knoxville. Then fate quickly took over, making her head coach the same year, at the age of 22.

Pat never took the easy road—it was never offered. Her starting salary as coach was \$250, and she also taught classes, recruited players, and drove the team van to every away game—all while studying for a graduate degree. But to her, it was worth it for the game. It was worth it to teach her players and prove to the doubters and naysayers just what her Lady Vols could accomplish.

Pat was tough, there is no doubt about it. Her players recall her practices with pride. They also remember the sore muscles and pure exhaustion. But Pat knew nothing in life came easy, let alone winning.

Her determined outlook comes from her father, who used to remind her, "It's not done till it's done right." Well, Pat certainly did something right. In 1976, her Lady Vols made it to the Final Four. At the same time, Pat overcame a knee injury to play for the U.S. Women's Olympic basketball team and won a silver medal.

Neither incredible finish satisfied her. She wasn't done yet. Eight years later, she coached the U.S. Women's Basketball Team and won the gold. Three years after that, she led Tennessee to a national championship—the first of the eight she would win.

But Pat knew success had to come on and off the court. That was why she made all her players sit in the first three rows in every class. Unexcused absences were not allowed. Again, she got it right, as all of her players who finished athletic eligibility also graduated with a degree—more than 100 women athletes in total.

Education was part of basketball, too. To Pat, the game wasn't just a game. It was a way to learn life's lessons, to teach young women what they can accomplish with hard work, determination, and belief in yourself

While she was often a tough coach, she was always a source of encouragement. She once wrote to a player starting her first game, "Winning is fun, sure. But winning is not the point. Wanting to win is the point. Not giving up is the point. Never letting up is the point . . . The secret of the game is in doing your best. To persist and endure, 'to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.'"

Pat was a living legend that dedicated herself to the game and to the women who played the game. She was a fighter, an Olympian, a Medal of Freedom recipient, a mother to her son, Tyler, and an educator and role model to generations of young women.

She faced stereotypes, skepticism, and hurdles. She persisted, she overcame, and she inspired others to do the same.

We will all remember and miss Pat Summitt because she always did her best, she won, and she led so many others to victory with her.

Mr. SASSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Mr. SASSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 517, S. 2829.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2829) to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Maritime Administration Authorization and Enhancement Act for Fiscal Year 2017".

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

#### TITLE I—MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION

Sec. 101. Authorization of the maritime administration.

Sec. 102. Maritime Administration authorization request.