

and I can attest to his commitment to the community he served.

Sheriff Tracy's service to the State of California and dedication to public safety is inspiring. I am confident that, even in retirement, Sheriff Tracy will continue to touch lives with his good will and compassion.●

LOYOLA SACRED HEART SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a remarkable group of young people from my beautiful state of Montana. On January 29, 2005 the Loyola Sacred Heart High School speech and debate team won its 22nd state championship in a row for Class B competition. This victory extends the longest series of state championships ever in Montana.

Early on a crisp Saturday morning, while other kids their age were sleeping, students from 72 high schools from every corner of Montana met in Corvallis to compete in the A-B-C State Tournament. They competed in 7 speech events—Memorized Public Address, Original Oratory, Expository Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Serious Oral Interpretation of Literature, and Humorous Oral Interpretation of Literature—and 2 debate events—Policy Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

This year, Loyola earned its 22nd consecutive state title by a margin of 80 points. Two students, Sarah Stergios and Rebecca Natelson were individual State champions, and they were well supported by 13 other individual medalists. Such success is not a new thing for Head Coach Matt Stergios, who has been with the team since 1981, when the team had only four members.

Since that time, over one thousand students have competed for the team; in fact, in 2004, one out of four students at Loyola competed at one or more tournaments. The team has generated 31 individual state champions, and over 200 medalists. Since the streak began, Loyola has won over 200 individual tournament titles. The building that the students attend classes in is not large enough to hold all of the trophies, so some of them have to be stored next door.

But Loyola Sacred Heart High School is not just known for its speech and debate team. While I was in the Marines I learned that it's important to hone the mind as well as the body. Well, every year, students from Loyola rank at the top of the state in test scores. Ninety percent of students who graduate from Loyola go to college. On Advanced Placement exams Loyola students score 25 percent higher than the national average. Loyola boasts 13 Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Awards, and a Senate Page. And Loyola is as successful with feats of the body as it is with feats of the mind. The boys cross country team has won six straight State titles, and the girls cross country team has won state titles

in the last 2 years. The Loyola Fighting Ram football team made state quarterfinals this year, and both the girls basketball and volleyball teams won their Division. The girls track team was second in the State last year after both the boys and girls teams swept District and Divisional competition. Two years ago, the girls softball team won the state title and placed fourth this year. Now all of this is already quite impressive. But it's even more amazing considering that Loyola Sacred Heart High School has only about 200 students.

I congratulate Loyola Sacred Heart High School for their 22nd consecutive State title in speech and debate.

Loyola Sacred Heart Speech and Debate 38-person Divisional and State Team Roster: Frankie Barnhill, Loren Barstad, Adam Benson, Adam Bigelow, Brian Bobowiec, Nick Corn, Karra Cuplin, Paul Dalapiazza, Miles Dauterive, Jason Devoe, Liz Diehl, Ryne Dougherty, Brian Doyle, Sambath Eat, Ben Eddy, Matt Eddy, John Eikens, Dan Evans, Brian Geer, Tyler Grutsch, Megan Hess-Homier, Julie Hurd, Ben Kappelman, Tricia Karsky, Katie Lawhorn, Matt Lovejoy, Abby Mayer, Keith Miller, Cory Monroe, Rebecca Natelson, Dan O'Brien, Joe Sanders, Nadia Selim, Paul Stergios, Sarah Stergios, Will Taylor, Lauren Titchbourne, Caroline Wade
Head Coach: Matthew Stergios

Assistant Coaches: Frank Grady, Sarah Jennings, Dave Klein, Theresa Stergios.●

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-502. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety, and Health, received on January 24, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-503. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, received on January 24, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-504. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Energy Outlook for 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-505. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on Federal government energy management and conservation programs for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-506. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on fleet alternative fueled vehicle acquisition report for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-507. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Budget and Evaluation, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual list of Government activities not inherently governmental in nature; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-508. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Fiscal Year 2004 competitive sourcing; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-509. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Establishment of an additional Manatee Protection Area in Lee County, Florida" (RIN1018-AT65) received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-510. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kentucky Regulatory Program" received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-511. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit Revocation Regulations" (RIN1018-AT64) received on December 31, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-512. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Colorado Butterfly Plant; Final Rule" (RIN1018-AJ07) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-513. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Mariana Fruit Bat (*Pteropus mariannus mariannus*) Reclassification from Endangered to Threatened in the Territory of Guam and Listing as Threatened in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands" (RIN1018-AH55) received on January 3, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-514. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 02-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-515. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 01-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-516. A communication from the Director, Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on competitive sourcing efforts during Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-517. A communication from the Acting Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, the report of recent and ongoing research for the period 2002-2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-518. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on competitive sourcing efforts for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.