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# S. RES. 426

Commending Maryland's Olympians on their accomplishments at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SARBANES (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Commending Maryland's Olympians on their accomplishments at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Whereas the 2004 Summer Olympic Games, which recently concluded in Athens, Greece, was a resounding success;

Whereas the athletes of the United States who participated in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games reflected the ideals of the Olympic movement by exhibiting determination, honor, sportsmanship, and excellence throughout the competitions;

Whereas Maryland's athletes played a prominent role in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games and represented the talent and diversity of the athletes of the United States;

Whereas markswoman Libby Callahan of Upper Marlboro, through her wisdom and experience, and swimmer Katie Hoff of Abingdon, through her youthful exuberance, both displayed the spirit of Olympic competition;

Whereas Liz Filter, from Stevensville, and Nancy Haberland, who coaches the Naval Academy sailing team, both displayed the Olympic spirit in their decisions to participate in the sailing competitions in the face of challenging life circumstances;

Whereas Jun Gao of Gaithersburg shone with Olympic spirit when, on day 4 of the table tennis competition, as the only remaining member of the United States table tennis team left in competition, she shouldered the hopes of her teammates;

Whereas paddlers Joe Jacobi and Scott Parsons, both from Bethesda, reflected the Olympic spirit by focusing on the experience and joy of their performances and the opportunity to compete on the world stage;

Whereas Baltimore's Carmelo Anthony displayed the Olympic spirit in his refusal to quit after the men's basketball team suffered a series of difficult and surprising losses;

Whereas gymnast Courtney Kupets of Gaithersburg and Judo competitor Rhadi Ferguson of Columbia demonstrated enormous bravery by overcoming serious injuries to make the United States team and compete for their country and, in the case of Ms. Kupets, to medal in 2 events;

Whereas Towson swimmer Michael Phelps, who won 6 gold and 2 bronze medals, showed that the team is more important than individual accomplishment when he yielded his spot on the 4 x 100 medley relay squad and an oppor-

tunity for further glory to allow teammate Ian Crocker to compete and be part of a winning effort in the finals;

Whereas Tiombe Hurd of Upper Marlboro, who is legally blind, showed tremendous heart and courage by overcoming her vision impairment to finish 22nd in a crowded triple jump field;

Whereas Bernard Williams, who brought home a silver in the 200 meter sprint, and James Carter, who finished fourth in the 400 meter hurdles, did their Baltimore alma maters, Carver Vocational-Technical High School and Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School, proud by showing enormous poise and grit in the face of stiff competition;

Whereas the people of Maryland take great pride in these athletes and the communities that helped to nurture and support them through their years of training, and celebrate their successes and achievements; and

Whereas the people of Maryland send their best wishes for success to Maryland's 6 Paralympic athletes—Antoinette Davis, Jessica Long, Joseph Aukward, Larry Hughes, Tatyana McFadden, and Susan Katz—as they head to Athens for the Paralympic Games, which are set to begin on September 17, 2004: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate commends the athletes of  
 2 Maryland for the grace, sportsmanship, and determination  
 3 they exhibited throughout the 2004 Summer Olympic  
 4 Games and for the accomplishments that flowed from  
 5 maintaining that Olympic spirit on and off the field of  
 6 competition.

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