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Whereas, Kieren P. Knapp is a graduate of Iowa State University and the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa: and

Whereas, Kieren P. Knapp has distinguished himself as a dedicated physician continuing the osteopathic tradition of providing quality and compassionate health care to his community:

Now, therefore, the Senate congratulates Kieren P. Knapp, D.O., on his installation as the 81st President of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, and wishes him the best for a successful and rewarding tenure.

Again Mr. President, this is a special achievement for Dr. Knapp, and I would like to congratulate him on this honor and extend my best wishes to the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association on a successful conference.•

THE CALIFORNIA ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today we received some disturbing reports on America's balance of trade. The trade deficit—the difference between the value of our exports and the value of imports—soared to 10.27 billion in January, a stunning 48 percent increase over December, 1995.

Congress and the President must not ignore this report. While the balance of trade is only one measure of economic health, in this increasingly global economy, I believe that it is a measure that should be given great weight in deciding whether we are doing enough to promote healthy economic growth. The reports today should prompt Federal policy makers to renew their commitments to promoting American business and products overseas, and making our trading partners play fair by living up to the trading agreements they have entered into willingly with us.

The bright side of this picture is that the U.S. continues to be the most dynamic economy in the world. We are the most productive and we make the best products.

In my own State of California, there is one industry which I wish to single out today that is one of the key reasons for American economic dominance—the entertainment industry.

The movie and television industry in California has a payroll of $7.4 billion. Motion picture production alone counts for more than 133,500 jobs in California. American made entertainment products are the most popular and broadly distributed on the globe, and they constitute a large part of America's balance of trade. Foreign sales of copyrighted products amounted to $45.8 billion in 1995.

Unfortunately, the entertainment industry is a victim of one of the most egregious foreign trade practices—illegal duplication of copyrighted material—or "piracy."

The United States has signed agreements with many other countries which obligate their governments to take steps necessary to protect U.S. copyrighted material from piracy. In the case of the People's Republic of China, however, despite the fact that they have willingly signed several such agreements, rampant piracy of American entertainment products by Chinese factories has continued. It is estimated that U.S. companies lose approximately 1 billion dollars a year in sales because of China's failure to protect U.S. intellectual property.

In February, 1995, the United States and the People's Republic of China signed an agreement that obligated China to strengthen its patent, copyright and trade secret laws, and to improve the protection of U.S. intellectual property. Since that time, however, according to reports by the U.S. trade representative, only one of the 27 piracy plants in China has closed.

I know that trade representative Mickey Kantor has been very, very supportive of the U.S. entertainment industry in pressing the Chinese to live up to the agreement they signed. I applaud his decision to send his deputy Charlene Barshevsky to China on April 5 to raise the profile of the problem directly with Chinese officials.

I hope that in their meetings, our U.S. officials will emphasize that China is legally obligated to comply with the terms of the agreement they signed last year. It's not just a policy; it's the law.

Our delegation should make it clear to the Chinese that the terms of the agreement must be met by a date certain. Whether that's May 1, June 1, or after—doesn't matter. But it should be made clear to them that we will hold them to their promises. If they don't fulfill them, the U.S. Government will take all appropriate and legal steps.

In addition, I strongly urge other members of the Clinton administration in the Departments of State, Treasury, Commerce and others, to support the trade representative's efforts wholeheartedly. They should know that it's not just a question of one industry and one trading partner; if we allow the agreement we signed just a year ago to be ignored, what kind of signal will that send to our other nations about the will and strength of the United States in international relations?

Mr. President, I would also like to take this opportunity in speaking about our extraordinary entertainment industry to praise the leaders of that community for their historic actions with respect to the television violence issue.

They have shown real leadership and responsibility in responding to this important social concern by announcing that they will institute a voluntary rating system for all television programs. In my view, this will give parents the information they need in order to make appropriate decisions about the programs their children watch.

In light of the forthrightness of the industry in coming forward with plans to voluntarily rate its programs, I believe that now is not the time to bring up other content-related measures. I have, in fact, informed the Democratic leader and others that I would oppose any attempt to bring up such measures for debate in the Senate.

Finally, Mr. President, I would like to talk about another issue of great importance to California's entertainment industry—copyright term extension. Legislation is pending in both the House and Senate to extend the current copyright in the U.S. to "life plus 70 years". This change would harmonize our laws with those of the European union which extended terms to life plus 70 last July. Without the change, our copyright holders—including California's movie, television, video, and audio producers—would be unable to take advantage of the longer term of protection in Europe. American copyright owners and their heirs will suffer economic hardship and the U.S. balance of trade will be further exacerbated.

Congress should pass this bill now. It has no opposition that I am aware of. I strongly urge the parties involved in negotiations on this measure to move quickly on it and send it to the President so that it can be signed into law. Copyright extension can pass quickly and be signed into law.•

TRIBUTE TO SULLIVAN COLLEGE

• Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Sullivan College in Louisville, KY on their championship victory in the National Junior College Athletic Association [NJCAA] National Championship Tournament. I would also like to congratulate Sullivan coach Gary Shourds on being selected the National Junior College Coach of the Year and player Eric Martin on being named tournament Most Valuable Player.

The Sullivan Executives, which were unranked going into the tournament, defeated the No. 1, No. 5, No. 7, and No. 15 ranked teams in the country. The Executives clenched the title in Hutchinson, KS after a 104-98 overtime victory over Allegheny College of Maryland.

As the Courier-Journal reported, when asked if he ever thought the Executives would win the title, Sullivan college President A.R. Sullivan responded, "Never. Not with this team this year." The Executives had the worst record (23-10) in the 16-team field. However, out of their last 24 games, they won 22 of them. "This team did not come together as a team until the regional final in Gallatin, Tennessee," Mr. Sullivan told the Courier-Journal. "[I]t took a personality like (coach) Gary Shourds to get them to play together."

Shourds is a first-year Sullivan coach who played for the Executives from 1982 to 1984. He told the Courier-Journal, "I'm really a teacher. I do this (coaching) on the side. It ends up taking more time than teaching, but that's my choice."

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