

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I join the community of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts in celebrating the outstanding accomplishments and performance of the Shrewsbury High School Colonials Baseball team. Their remarkable season came to an abrupt end on June 19th with their defeat in the Division 1 State Championship game. This defeat, however, could not detract from their magical season.

The mentality of the Colonials' baseball team can be summed up in a common idiom: "comback kids." Nevertheless, there is nothing "common" about this group of distinguished young men. Driven by the passionate leadership of Coach Dave Niro, the Colonials surprised many teams this year with late-inning rallies, strong defense and incredible hitting. As a matter of fact, four of their last six victories were of the come-from-behind variety. It was this "never-say-die" attitude that lifted the spirits and performance of the Shrewsbury High School Baseball team to a level that very few anticipated.

Teamwork was the key to the Colonials' highly successful season. Led on the field by co-captains Catcher Jimmy Board and First Baseman Jamie Buonomo, every player performed as if each game were his last: the sensational play of outfielders Shayne Barnes, Tommy Crossman, and Tim Kilroy; the outstanding defense of infielders Jon Bacott, Alex Biaz, Ryan Bigda, Bill Orfaea, and Andy Morano; the mastery of pitchers Shawn Walker, Lee Diamantopoulos, Brenda Slavin and Mike Sigismondo; the clutch hitting by designated hitter Matt Vaccaro; and the numerous contributions by players Bob Roddy, Nick Dion, Matt Amdur, Todd Cooksey, Tim Ford, and Brian Merchant. Also, special recognition must be extended to the coaches of this team: the aforementioned head Coach Dave Niro, and assistants P.J. O'Connell and Jay Costa.

It is with tremendous pride that I recognize the members of the Shrewsbury High School Colonials Baseball team for an unforgettable season. These outstanding young men make me so very proud. I congratulate them on their accomplishment and wish them the best of luck in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF HELEN OSK LEINHARDT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Helen Osk Leinhardt, who will turn 100 years old on December 28, 2000. Ms. Leinhardt will celebrate her birthday alongside her son, Walter, her six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Ms. Leinhardt is quite an extraordinary woman. Born on December 28, 1900, the end of the first year of the 20th Century, Ms.

Leinhardt was educated in New York City public schools and eventually became a teacher. She taught first and second grade in Brooklyn, New York for more than 30 years. A working mother at a time when it was still rare for women to work outside the home, Ms. Leinhardt raised two children, Walter and Alice. Alice unfortunately died three years ago. Throughout Alice's illness, Ms. Leinhardt, who was then in her late nineties, repeatedly walked the entire 40 blocks to and from the hospital to visit her daughter.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to acknowledge the dedication and pioneering efforts of Ms. Helen Osk Leinhardt. A working mother whose great enthusiasm inspired a generation of students, Ms. Leinhardt is truly an inspiration to us all.

IN HONOR OF JOAN OLSEN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I pay respect to Joan Olsen, who passed away recently at the age of 59 after battling with cancer. Mrs. Olsen was an outstanding citizen of the community of St. Colman's Church since 1987. She wholeheartedly involved herself in the education and computer assistance of the St. Colman's Church and community.

Joan grew up in Lakewood, but settled in Fairview Park after her marriage to Neal Olsen in 1967. Joan was drawn to St. Colman's Church in 1987 while researching her Irish genealogy. From the moment she joined St. Colman's Church, she was an active member and participant in the Parish and community. From her work experience between 1992 and 1994 in helping to computerize the Cuyahoga County Archive Records, Joan decided to computerize the Parish files. In 1995, she realized the importance of computer education and resolved to help the community obtain computers and to teach computer classes. Knowing that the community could not afford computers or computer classes, she contacted many businesses and was able to acquire newer model computers for the neighborhood. The computer lab was eventually placed in the parish school building, where Joan gave free computer classes to anyone interested. In addition to her computer classes, Joan taught Bible classes at St. Colman's Parish. She immersed herself further into the community when she offered to install computers in the homes of families.

Outside of the St. Colman's Parish community, Joan helped organize the West Side Community Computer Center. She did all of the networking and attended out-of-town conferences in preparation for the opening of the Center. Once again, she provided free computer classes.

Joan had many talents and interests, which she generously shared with her family, friends, and community. She taught knitting and weaving to the neighborhood children in addition to her already existing computer classes.

I am heartened to hear that the computer lab at St. Colman's Parish will be formally dedicated to Joan very soon. A woman of her caliber will be remembered not only in the minds and hearts of the St. Colman commu-

nity citizens, but also by the new dedication of the computer lab. Joan Olsen has been a key-stone to the community. Her absence will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in expressing my deepest condolences to Joan's family and many friends, and honoring the memory of Joan Olsen.

HONORING LARRY MCBRIDE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize an outstanding educator and administrator, Larry McBride of Rifle, Colorado. For the past twenty years Larry has served the Re-2 School District in the capacity of Associate Superintendent. Larry and his colleague Lennard Eckhardt are both retiring at the end of the school year. His contributions to the students and faculty of Re-2 School District are immeasurable and I would like to pay tribute to his service.

Larry was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, attending high school at South High School in Denver. He enrolled at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado and graduated with a degree in Social Sciences. Larry's plans of attending medical school were cut short as the country called its young men and women to service. After serving his country admirably in the US Navy, including one tour of duty in Vietnam, Larry returned a proud veteran and began his career in education.

He began his legacy of education as a high school government teacher in East Grand School District in Granby, Colorado. Larry's superb leadership skills were soon put to work, as he became the Director of Student Services. During his decade long tenure in Granby, he went on to serve as Elementary Principal, Assistant High School Principal and as Assistant Superintendent, before beginning his role as an administrator in Rifle. In 1979 Larry was hired as the Principal of Esma Lewis Elementary, working for only two years before becoming Associate Superintendent, a capacity in which he has served since 1981.

Larry has worked tirelessly to ensure that highest quality education is available for the students of Re-2 School District and his contributions are great in number. Larry has served his community in immeasurable ways and deserves the recognition and admiration of this body. On behalf of the State of Colorado and the US Congress I thank him for his contributions to America's youth and wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING FORMER
CONGRESSMAN SIDNEY R. YATES

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, Congressman Sidney Yates was a true patriot in every sense of the word. He was a stalwart advocate for issues near and dear to his heart and those of the people he represented.

Sid was an exemplary Member of the House Appropriations Committee and a great "cardinal." As Chairman and later the Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies, he single handily did more to protect the National Endowment for the Arts than any other Member in the House of Representatives. He kept the National Endowment going during the late eighties and early nineties—and the arts in America have been greatly advanced.

Sid Yates will always be remembered for his calm, reasoned thinking and sensible approach to getting his points across. He managed to show kindness to every single Member of Congress, yet never lost his own strong commitment to progressive causes. He will be missed by our whole Nation.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
GEORGE W. KUHN

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, today I commend Mr. George W. Kuhn of West Bloomfield, MI, on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Kuhn has a long and distinguished career as a public servant in Michigan. I have known George for many years now. His good nature, dedication, and enthusiasm for his work are phenomenal. He is a trusted and dedicated individual who has much to be proud of as he enters his retirement years.

George Kuhn was born in Detroit in 1925, one of eleven siblings, to Dr. and Mrs. Charles and Ella Kuhn. His education spanned Albion College, Central Michigan University, Harvard, Wayne State, and the University of Michigan. George has accomplished much in his life, including several years as an employee of the Ford Motor Company and many more years of public service in southeastern Michigan.

George Kuhn proudly served his nation as an officer in the United States Navy during both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He retired with the rank of Navy Captain after 40 years of active and reserve service.

George served as Councilman and Mayor of Berkley, MI, during the 1950's and 1960's. He was elected a Michigan State Senator in 1966 and rose to become the Michigan Senate Whip in 1970. George has given many years of tireless dedication to the Republican Party in Michigan.

Since 1972, George has diligently served as the Oakland County Drain Commissioner. He has been re-elected to that post seven times. George has been instrumental in developing and bringing to fruition the Twelve-Towns Drain Project. So much so, that the project now bears his name. The George W. Kuhn Drain is vitally important to prevent flooding for residents in Oakland County. Coinciding with his 28 years as Drain Commissioner, George has been an active member of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with the citizens of Oakland County in congratulating and honoring George Kuhn for his many years of service and devotion to the people of Michigan. I am glad to have known George these many years and I wish him, his

wife Doris, and all of his family, my heartfelt congratulations on his retirement and I thank him for his many years of public service to Michigan and to the Nation.

HONORING JANE QUIMBY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with immense sadness that I rise to pay tribute to Jane Quimby of Grand Junction, Colorado. Jane recently passed away after battling a brain tumor. This remarkable community leader served the Grand Valley in immeasurable ways and at this moment I would like to honor her amazing life and outstanding service.

Jane served her community in a number of different capacities, but it is her involvement with the Grand Junction City Council that is most renowned. In 1973, Jane became the first female elected to the City Council. During a tenure in city government that lasted nearly a decade, Jane also went on to become the first female Mayor of Grand Junction.

While her work in city government was quite extensive and impressive, she also served her community by serving on a number of different organizations. She was a founding member of the Western Colorado Community Foundation and the Grand Junction/Mesa County Riverfront Commission. She served as a board member of the Mesa County Economic Development Council and as President of the Colorado Municipal League. Jane also served for nearly two decades as part of the Oversight Board for the Colorado Energy Impact Assistance Fund.

Jane worked very hard to ensure that Grand Junction and its surrounding communities were a better place for all to live and her work will not soon be forgotten. On behalf of the State of Colorado and US Congress I would like to honor my friend Jane Quimby for helping to make the Grand Valley the outstanding community it is today. She will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SAM V.
CURTIS

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I note the passing of Sam V. Curtis, of Rialto, California, an uncommon, common man, known by all in his community.

Sam's favorite quote was from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." It is a fitting quote for Sam Curtis, a man who did not shy from fighting for justice and knowledge.

A man of high moral standards and humble beginnings, originally from Birmingham, Alabama, Sam Curtis cared about people personally, and served them with high distinction. He cared about the schools; his community; his

country. A member of the American Legion Post 422 Rialto and the Rialto VFW, he served in the Naval Air Wing during World War II in the Aleutian Islands, receiving the Asian Pacific Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He was a husband for over half a century, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather.

Sam was a close friend of my family and a consistent supporter of hard-fought causes. My wife Barbara and I share his family's quiet admiration for the measure of Sam's many accomplishments and his full life. Sam was truly the voice of the people, a principled man with a conscience, who served on the Rialto city council for sixteen years. Sam always had a dignity about him. He treated everyone the same way, with great respect.

A teacher at heart, Sam started out as an educator, spending 27 years as a government and history teacher in the Rialto and San Bernardino school districts. Sam always emphasized to his students that they could effect positive change, by going to city council meetings and becoming aware of what was happening in their community. It is a fitting tribute to Sam's legacy as an educator that an elementary school proudly bears his name today, the "Sam V. Curtis Elementary School."

It is impossible to find a former student whose life has not been changed positively by Sam, whether it is the beat cop on the street or the waitress in the corner coffee shop. Everyone can point to a turning point where Sam's teaching caused each to embark upon a course of action.

In his long life of public service, Sam embraced the principle that one person can make a difference, by leading by example, getting people involved, touching everything and everyone in the community, leaving his mark like a modern-day Johnny Appleseed.

Elected to the Rialto city council in 1976, Sam was known as a consumer advocate, fighting for the underdog, championing just causes such as discounts for senior citizens. He was unafraid to speak his mind and fight for what he believed, with passion, honor, vigor, and resoluteness. He would not compromise his beliefs.

People looked up to Sam because of his respect for the community and his integrity as a person. Fair and courteous, even to those with whom he disagreed on the issues, he was beloved by all. We can learn much by his example.

People were very proud of Sam, admiring his efforts and good works, whether it was fighting for the people as an elected official, or carrying on good works in the community through groups such as the Democratic Central Committee; the San Bernardino County Democratic luncheon club; Friends of the Rialto K-9's; the California Teachers Association; the Rialto Exchange Club; the Veterans Employment Committee; the Retired Teachers Association; the Rialto Historical Society; and the Sierra Club.

I would like to offer my condolences to Sam's family: his wife, Eileen; his three sons, Victor, David and Philip; his daughter, Patricia; his ten grandchildren; and his great-grandchild.

To Sam, we say: "our thoughts and prayers lift upwards to heaven, where surely you are at peace. And so we say 'goodbye, we miss you, God bless you. We shall remember you always, and your good deeds will live in our hearts.'"