

Last weekend, the Central Cabarrus High School Softball Team completed a truly amazing season by winning the North Carolina AAA Softball State Championship.

"Central Cabarrus set a record for dominance in a softball championship game" wrote a local newspaper. The Viking won by a score of 14-0 over C.B. Aycock High School. This was the largest margin of victory in the history of NCHSAA Softball Championships. This capped off a perfect 28-0 season for the Vikings. The Tournament's most valuable player was sophomore pitcher Crystal Cox who threw a one-hitter and struck out 12 batters. The game was essentially decided in the first inning, finishing the inning with a score of 7-0. The game concluded after only 5 innings, by the 10-run mercy rule.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the 2000 North Carolina State 3-A Softball Champions, the Central Cabarrus High School Vikings. I would urge all of my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to this outstanding team.

HONORING PALOS VERDES
PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, an outstanding educational institution within my district. The U.S. Department of Education recently recognized Peninsula High as one of the top high schools in the nation.

Peninsula High was one of ten high schools in the nation to receive both the Blue Ribbon Schools Award and New American High Schools Award. This is a tremendous accomplishment. It is a testament to the quality of education in the South Bay.

Peninsula High received the Blue Ribbon School Award for its commitment to strong leadership, high quality of teaching, rigorous curriculum, and parental involvement. 198 middle and secondary schools throughout the nation were recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools. Among the 198 Blue Ribbon winners, ten also received the New American High Schools Award. The New American High Schools initiative recognizes American high schools committed to achieving high academic standards for all students, preparing all students for college, and providing them with opportunities to learn about careers.

I commend Principal Kelly Johnson and the teachers of Palos Verdes Peninsula High School for offering a curriculum that encourages its students to develop exceptional learning habits. This preparation is invaluable for students who pursue a higher education. Congratulations on this much deserved recognition. You have earned it. I wish the students and teachers of Peninsula High continued success. You are an example for the nation.

TRIBUTE TO KATRINA MARIE DOMIJANCIC, ELIZABETH ANN JACKSON, AND CARRIE COLLEEN TAYLOR

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Katrina Marie Domijancic, Elizabeth Ann Jackson and Carrie Colleen Taylor for attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award. They are members of the Senior Girl Scout Troop #326 located in Hobart, Indiana, and will receive this honor at a Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony on Sunday, May 28, 2000 at the Hobart Scout Cabin.

A special significance is attached to the title of Girl Scout Gold Award, a significance that accompanies a young woman throughout her life. As she pursues endeavors in higher education, business, industry and community service, she will carry with her the lofty goal of success through leadership. To qualify for the Gold Award, each Girl Scout must fulfill rigorous requirements in the areas of leadership, career interest and service. Upon completing the above requirements, a prospective Gold Award candidate must find and complete a project that meets a need in the community. Katrina, Carrie, and Elizabeth's Gold Award Project involved enhancing the underused areas of the Hobart Scout Cabin to provide more useable space.

Katrina Domijancic is the daughter of John and Rebecca Domijancic of Hobart, Indiana. She has been a Girl Scout for nine years, and has been president of Senior Girl Scout Troop #326 since 1998. As a Senior Girl Scout, she has earned the Senior Leadership Pin, the Senior Career Exploration Pin, and the Senior Challenge Pin. Katrina attained the Gold Award in conjunction with her academic achievements at Hobart High School. She has served as Vice President of the Hobart High School Spanish Club, Captain of the Cheerleading Squad, and a member of the National Honor Society. Katrina will graduate this June from Hobart High School with honors. After graduation, Katrina plans to attend college, and hopes to become a pharmacist.

Elizabeth Jackson is the daughter of Charles and Annette Jackson of Valparaiso, Indiana. Elizabeth is a junior at Boone Grove High School, and has been a Girl Scout for eleven years. As a Senior Girl Scout, she has earned the Senior Leadership Pin, the Senior Career Exploration Pin, and the Senior Challenge Pin. In addition to being a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop #326, she has participated in the Valparaiso University Community Band and the Boone Grove High School Band. She also was a member of the Boone Grove High School Math Team, which placed fifth in the state.

Finally, Carrie Taylor is the daughter of David Taylor and Georgia Cox of Hobart, Indiana. She has been a Girl Scout for all thirteen possible years. As a Cadette Girl Scout, she earned the Girl Scout Silver Award for attempting to bring the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday to the Hobart Public School System. As a Senior Girl Scout, she has earned the Senior Leadership Pin, the Senior Career Exploration Pin, and the Senior Challenge Pin. Carrie will graduate from Hobart High School

in June of this year. She has enlisted in the United States Navy and will begin active duty in August. She will serve in the Atlantic Fleet and be based out of Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Katrina, Elizabeth and Carrie for their commendable achievement. Their parents and their communities can be proud of these young women. It takes a great deal of tenacity and devotion to achieve such an illustrious award. These young ladies have a promising future ahead of them, which will undoubtedly include improving the quality of life in Indiana's First Congressional District.

HONORING JOE WILLIAMS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a concerned, giving and caring man is retiring from public office after many years of serving the people of his communities. Joe Williams is stepping down as President of the City Council of Warren, Ohio. He has already received many awards for his outstanding public service; including the Governor's Award and the Mayor's Award for outstanding civic contributions, the City Council Citation, Honorary Auditor by the State Auditor and Honorary Deputy. He was inducted into the Trumbull (County) African-American Achievers Hall of Fame and has also been honored by the Black Knights Police Association and Who's Who Among Black Americans.

He holds the record for being elected to the City Council for 22 years and has been elected to the Trumbull County Central Committee of the Democratic Party for five terms. He was the first African American to represent the Seventh Ward and the first to become President of the Warren City Council.

Joe was born and raised in Tuskegee, Alabama where he attended the Tuskegee Institute, completing an Associate Degree in Electrical Design. In 1977 the City of Tuskegee proclaimed him Honorary Mayor.

Joe has been an electrician for 34 years at General Motors. He is married to Marilyn Hainesworth Williams and they have two children. Joe Williams is an outstanding example of someone who dedicates his life to his family and his community. He is a public servant who could serve as a role model for all of us. I congratulate him on his many accomplishments and wish him the very best in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO THE TEXAS BAY
AREA AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Texas Bay Area American Cancer Society.

Anyone who has a friend or family member stricken by cancer knows the importance of the American Cancer Society. We have all

heard of the great accomplishments in fighting cancer during the past decade, and ACS has played a key role. Raising millions of dollars to research cancer treatments and cures are perhaps the most well known of its efforts. There is also the Society's important work to prevent cancer through education and other efforts.

Its assistance to those struggling with the disease is perhaps most closely felt. Cancer victims and their families turn to the American Cancer Society for support when the fight against cancer become all too personal. There are countless survivors who know what a difference the Society can make.

An effective, national organization, the American Cancer Society derives its greatest strength from its volunteers and activists across the nation. I wish to just highlight one of its many local groups, the Bay Area American Cancer Society in the southeast of Texas. Stretching from Friendswood, to Pearland, through Webster and Nassau Bay, the Baytown Chapter encompasses more than a dozen small towns. These diverse communities across the Clear Lake area of Texas join together in their fight against cancer.

The educational work of the Bay Area American Cancer Society doesn't stop in Clear Lake, or even in Texas. We hear their message even here in the nation's Capitol. Whether it is the call for critical federal research funds or to support coverage of routine patient care costs for Medicare beneficiaries with cancer, it is the local activists who alert me to the key issues in the fight against cancer.

I applaud their efforts, I applaud their accomplishment, and I join in their dream to end the disease of cancer that touches too many lives and families.

HONORING HELEN McDOWELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Helen McDowell, a nurse, a parent, and a pillar of her community. Her motto is: "Lots of talk and activity don't impress me; results are what really counts." I honor her today because she has an impressive history of achieving results and serving the needs of others.

Helen McDowell was born in Montclair, New Jersey, the daughter of the late George McDowell of Birmingham, Alabama and his wife, Mary, of Halifax, North Carolina. After living several years in New Jersey and Queens, New York, Helen McDowell moved with her mother and two brothers to Stuyvesant Avenue in Brooklyn, New York.

In her new home in Brooklyn, Helen attended the Holy Rosary School and Catherine McAuley High School. These distinguished institutions prepared her well for college, and she began her college career at St. John's University. After spending some time at St. John's, Ms. McDowell pursued a course of study at the Bellevue School of Nursing at New York University. Public Nursing was her forte, and her interest in it led her to continue her studies at Teachers College at Columbia University.

"Ms. Mac," as her friends know her, began an illustrious teaching career in San Fran-

cisco, California. Through her teaching position in San Francisco, she got the opportunity to travel to Africa, Haiti and the Eastern Caribbean with the United Nations' World Health Organization. As you can imagine, during her seventeen years away from her community in Brooklyn, Ms. Mac had the good fortune to combine her work, travel and, sometimes, play on several continents.

Ultimately, Ms. Mac returned to us in Brooklyn, reestablishing her roots in Bedford Stuyvesant. However, she continued to fulfill her commitment to lifelong learning, a cornerstone of her philosophy of life. So, at the age of 50, she enrolled in a graduate program in Business Administration, which she completed with distinction.

An early retirement enabled Ms. Mac to become deeply involved with non-profit organizations in her local community. She eventually established Marimac Services, Inc., a corporation that enabled her to invest in and assist others with tenant and building management services. Many local professional organizations benefited from her dedication, expertise and professionalism.

While she is too shy to admit her many talents, like her fluency in French, her family and friends know how remarkable she is. Whether she is spending her time overseeing building renovations, home repair or decorating, her energy and resources seem endless. Ms. Mac is more than worthy of receiving this honor, Mr. Speaker, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me today in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

TRIBUTE TO COCHISE CASH

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cochise Cash. For many years now, Mr. Cash has been a leader in our Fort Worth community. He is a groundbreaking journalist, being one of the first African Americans to work as a television reporter in the Dallas/Fort Worth market. He has also given an enormous amount of his time to various charitable and community activities.

In recognition of his dedication to his fellow citizens, this past September Cochise Cash was elected as President of the prestigious Southside Optimist Club of Fort Worth. Mr. Cash is the first African American president in the club's history.

This is a high compliment to Cochise Cash and a fitting recognition of his many years of good work. Your family and friends must be proud of you. Mr. Cash, I'd like to thank you on behalf of all of my constituents, good luck in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF KALEIDOSCOPE 2000—THE 20TH ANNUAL NAPA VALLEY WINE AUCTION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Napa Valley Vint-

ners Association's 20th Annual Napa Valley Wine Auction to be held on June 3, 2000 at Meadowood Resort in St. Helena, CA.

Since its inception in 1981, the Napa Valley Wine Auction has become the world's largest charity wine auction contributing more than \$20 million to local nonprofit organizations.

Last year, the auction raised over \$4 million, which was allocated to area health care providers, and youth and housing programs. Organizations that have benefited from these funds include Napa Women's Emergency Services, Hospice of Napa Valley, Planned Parenthood, the Boys and Girls Clubs of American Canyon, Napa Valley, and St. Helena, and Healthy Moms and Babies.

The auction weekend kicks off on Thursday, June 1st with the opening of the display auction lots at newly remodeled Silverado Vineyards with a trio of joint venture lots and concludes on Saturday, June 3rd with a family-style dinner on the Meadowood fairway.

The three-day event includes a tasting of foods prepared by dozens of Napa Valley restaurateurs and caterers as well as a Vintners black-tie dinner Gala.

This year's event features soul diva Patti LaBelle, who agreed to perform a 40-minute show after learning that last year's monies went to farm worker housing, youth at risk, and health care.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we acknowledge the 20th Napa Valley Wine Auction and the Napa Valley Vintners Association's efforts to improve the quality of life in our community.

IN CELEBRATION OF KANSAS CITY'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Kansas City, Missouri's 150th Birthday. The sesquicentennial marks an era of growth and prosperity in the Midwest. John Calvin McCoy, the father of Kansas City, created a small trading town on the banks of the Missouri River. It was a link from the stunning East to the sprawling West. Truly in the Heart of America, this City was destined to become a great metropolitan area as it is today.

The innovation of bridges allowed travelers and goods to move through Kansas City to complement the Missouri River's movement of commerce. Soon railroads aided this cause and Kansas City flourished. It became a metropolis known for its stockyards and wheat. The 1900's brought growth.

The citizens of this distinguished and lovable city have seen the building of the Liberty Memorial, the only World War I monument dedicated by the five allied leaders; the development of the Country Club Plaza by J.C. Nichols, the first outdoor shopping venue now visited by travelers from all over the world for its elegance; the Pendergast era in which Kansas City's own political machine ruled for years; a Convention Center rebuilt from fire ruins in less than 90 days for the 1900 Democratic National Convention; and the birth of Kansas City Jazz which can still be heard throughout our country. We became a Major