

Huntington's smashing success. "This designation speaks to the commitment of a community which works together for the betterment of all its residents," he said. "The partnership between Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Huntington's government sets an example for the region."

I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me now in honoring this historic achievement, and in congratulating all the members of the Huntington community for the inspirational example they have provided for cities, towns and villages throughout New York State and our entire nation.

HONORING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IN THEIR HEEDING THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR AFGHAN YOUTH RELIEF

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to honor the Boy Scouts of America who answered the call of the President to raise funds for the Afghan Youth Relief Fund in light of events following September 11th. This extraordinary opportunity allowed Boy Scouts throughout the nation to aid in a national cause.

In my district, the 470 Scouts of Three Rivers responded to the President at our Veterans' Day celebration of 2001. It was at this celebration that they were able to raise over 1,000 dollars! Today Brandon Johnson from Council 578 of Beaumont, Texas is representing Three Rivers at both the White House and the Red Cross.

The Boy Scouts of America's response shows that young people are answering the challenges proposed to them by their leaders during this time of great need. It is great to see that they are taking the initiative to lead at this critical time in American history.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE GENE SULLIVAN

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, Gene Sullivan, a gifted basketball coach and thoughtful social steward passed away February 21st in Chicago at the age of 70. He will certainly be known for his coaching accomplishments. As the coach of Loyola University Chicago's basketball team during the 1980's, he led the Ramblers back to the NCAA tournament after a 20-year absence in 1984-1985. The Ramblers won twice before losing to the national champion Georgetown Hoyas in the Sweet 16 that year. Coach Sullivan was rightly named the Midwestern Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year in 1983 and 1985, and retired with a 149-114 record.

Fortunately, Gene Sullivan extended his reach beyond his tremendous college basketball career. He cared about people and communities. Gene motivated thousands of stu-

dent athletes by urging them to make responsible life decisions. More than 5,000 coaches and 55,000 athletes have taken his "Stay" pledge to remain committed to school and keep a positive outlook.

After his retirement from coaching, Gene served as Deputy Chief of the Chicago Park District. He used his tremendous abilities and celebrity to greatly boost youth sports. During his tenure with the park district, Deputy Chief Sullivan repaired 140 city basketball courts and attracted thousands of Chicago youngsters to summer baseball leagues.

Thankfully, Coach Sullivan's legacy will be remembered for many years to come. Tomorrow, the first annual Sullivan Awards Night for Coaches will take place at Hawthorne Race Course in my Congressional District. At the ceremony, seven Chicagoland coaches will be honored for their great work. Among them, Robert W. Foster of Leo High School will be honored with the Sullivan Award For Lifetime Achievement. Patricia Nolan Ryan, principal of Queen of Peace High School in Burbank, will be honored for her tremendous dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I knew Gene Sullivan, and he was truly a great human being and a very good basketball coach. I salute all the participants and would like to submit Chicago Sun-Times columnist Steve Neal's story on this event for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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AWARDS HONOR COACH'S LEGACY

(By Steve Neal)

Gene Sullivan, who died much too soon, should be long remembered as a great basketball coach and very good man.

On Thursday night, legions of his friends are gathering to celebrate his legacy. Bears Coach Dick Jauron and State's Attorney Richard Devine, who played high school basketball for Sullivan, are among those scheduled to speak.

The first annual Sullivan Awards Night for Coaches will start at 6 p.m. in the Turf Room at Hawthorne Race Course.

Sullivan, who devoted his life to basketball, never lost his love of the game or his determination to help others. For the last four years, he enlisted coaches throughout the Chicago area in his crusade against drugs, gang activity, gun possession and hateful remarks. The Stay program, which Sullivan kept alive, urged students and athletes to stay in school, stay involved, stay out of gangs and stay positive.

"We coaches tend to get too wrapped up in our own little world of wins and losses while the outside world is falling apart," Sullivan told Sun-Times columnist Raymond Coffey in 1998. "It's time for coaches to stand up and be counted on these issues of keeping kids out of trouble."

Under Sullivan's direction and the sponsorship of the state's attorney's office, this program has been a huge success. More than 5,000 coaches and 55,000 athletes representing 185 high schools in Cook County have taken the Stay pledge and have participated in camps, clinics and tournaments.

By launching the Sullivan awards as a new tradition, the Stay program seeks to extend Sullivan's legacy.

The coach had an extraordinary run. He played basketball for Notre Dame and later served as first assistant coach for the Irish. As a prep coach, he won championships for Loyola Academy.

In the 1980s, he coached Loyola University's basketball team and brought the Ramblers back to national prominence. In 1985, his team won two NCAA tournament victories and made it to the Sweet 16 before losing to No. 1 Georgetown.

The hardworking and dedicated Sullivan also did a stint as DePaul University's athletic director.

In the early 1990s, he served as deputy chief of the Chicago Park District. He developed citywide summer baseball programs that attracted thousands of youngsters. Sullivan also took the lead in rehabbing 140 basketball courts in city parks. He brought college football back to Soldier Field for the first time since the 1940s. Taking advantage of his contacts, Sullivan booked Notre Dame, Northwestern and Illinois for Soldier Field.

On Thursday night, Leo High School's president and veteran football coach Robert W. Foster will be honored with the Sullivan award for lifetime achievement. Foster, who is already in the Chicago Catholic League and Illinois Coaches Hall of Fame, shares Sullivan's determination to help others.

Patricia Nolan Ryan, principal of Queen of Peace High School in Burbank, is being honored with the Father John Smyth Award for dedication.

George Pruitt, athletic director at Robeson High School, is getting the Bill "Moose" Skowron Award for fortitude.

Dorothy Gaters of Marshall High School, the most successful girl's basketball coach in local history, is receiving the Willye White award for commitment. White is a former five-time Olympian.

Frank Lentini, whose Mount Carmel football teams have won four state titles in the last six years, is getting the Johnny Lattner Award for excellence.

Bob Naughton of New Trier High School and Tom Powers of Evanston High are receiving the George Connor loyalty award. Connor is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

St. Joseph High School basketball coach Gene Pingatore is being honored with the Johnny "Red" Kerr award for determination.

A TRIBUTE TO JERRY SACHARSKI OF ALBION, MI—THE INVENTOR OF TEE-BALL

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise before you today to recognize one of my constituents, Jerry Sacharski, the inventor of Tee-ball. It is not everyday that a Congressman is given the opportunity to pay tribute to a man who has done so much to expand the appeal of America's Pastime of baseball to so many children. In 1956, Jerry Sacharski became aware of the difficulty children were having when attempting to use hand-eye coordination that was necessary for bringing the bat in contact with the ball when it was pitched. Because of this lack of coordination in younger children, for years baseball opportunities for children had consisted only of little league teams for children 11 and 12 years of age, and baseball leagues for children over 14. This was not acceptable to Jerry. Instead of simply perpetuating the lack of opportunities for younger children, Jerry acted and came up with a system that we all take for granted today. By using metal piping, pieces of rubber, and part of a garden hose he ingeniously created the first batting tee, thereby securing up to four extra years of fun and experience with baseball's fundamentals for interested children. After all, it can only be an advantage for children to be able to

practice catching, fielding, and throwing in a game environment four or five years before they otherwise would.

Helping children reach their potential is nothing new for Jerry. For many years he was a teacher at Albion Public High School. After he started teaching, Jerry took it upon himself in 1954 to head up the Albion recreation department's summer baseball program. Because of this position, he was able to see the lack of opportunity for younger children that two years later would drive him to develop one of the largest innovations in youth sports.

Because of Jerry Sacharski, millions of children across the United States of America, have participated in Tee-ball leagues for over forty years. It is innovators like Jerry, who make life more enjoyable for millions of children, who are so important to the social fabric of our nation. Michigan is very proud of Jerry Sacharski and children around the world appreciate his contribution.

TRIBUTE TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF DAVID H. KOSHGARIAN

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David H. Koshgarian who has served as my Chief of Staff since my first election to Congress. Over the past fifteen and one half years David has been an outstanding leader for my office and a partner with me in carrying out all my Congressional duties. I, and the people of Maryland's Third Congressional District, have been well served by his commitment, knowledge and skill. It is with all sincerity that I thank him for his service to the nation.

For more than 25 years, David Koshgarian has served on Capitol Hill working for several Members of the House of Representatives, including Richard Kelly of Florida, Geraldine Ferraro of New York, and Chet Atkins of Massachusetts. Having grown up in Rhode Island and attended George Washington University here in Washington, Dave and his family have long made their home in Maryland and I appreciate that his longest service has been to a Maryland Representative.

The United States House of Representatives is the world's greatest democratic institution. As much as any staffer I have ever worked with on Capitol Hill, Dave has taken joy in the democratic process of governing this nation. His interest and enthusiasm has always enlightened my work, as well as that of our staff and interns. Dave's presence and spirit has always made my office a better place to work.

Dave came to my office after serving as Legislative Director for Rep. Chet Atkins and he never lost his primary interest in legislation and policy. Throughout my service on the Ways and Means Committee, Dave has handled tax and budget issues. Dave's deep intellect and long experience have been well tested in this position on a great variety of complex issues. He has mastered each challenge and often been most successful in effecting change in the Committee's consideration of key issues.

I am also proud that after many years of Ways and Means tax policy work in "Gucci

Gulch", where the concerns of wealthy and corporate interests are most often heard, David has unfailingly focused on the lives and struggles of the neediest among us and worked to ensure that the policies of the nation provide real opportunity to low-income and working class Americans. His efforts have been in the best traditions of the Democratic Party. The dramatic expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit is one recent example of our successful work in this area.

Dave has made a specialty of pension issues—an area where few people have long focused, but where much good can be done. At this point I am confident he knows as much as any staffer on Capitol Hill in this complicated facet of tax law. Pension policy is an area where sound federal policy can directly benefit the lives of every working American. Dave's effective work in this area is the clearest demonstration of his commitment to the people who most need our help.

Passage of the individual retirement and pension enhancement provisions of HR 1836, the 2001 Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act is testament to Dave's skills and commitment. I doubt those provisions would have been enacted without David's ongoing, focused work on this issue. Dave should leave Capitol Hill proud of his many legislative accomplishments over the years.

David has also proven himself a solid administrator and inspiring leader and educator of staff. With many offices facing great turnover and little historical knowledge of a Member's work for a District, my office has always been very different, with relatively long and accomplished tenures by staff people. To large extent this is a result of Dave's daily caring and concern for staff. His joy in our responsibilities and spirit in the office will be greatly missed.

The hard work of the many loyal staff to the House of Representatives is too little rewarded and too rarely acknowledged. David, on behalf of the people of the nation, Maryland, the Third Congressional District, the many staff people and interns you have worked with and most of all myself, I want to thank you for your proud career of public service.

Best wishes for all your future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF MR. GLENN GRAHAM

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Glenn Graham of Middletown, Pennsylvania. Recently, Glenn was named "Father of the Year" by Keystone Children and Family Services for acting as a tireless father to three of his step-great-grandchildren. Glenn is 73 years old.

Glenn was nominated for the award by Stephan Wolf, a U.S. Customs inspector, who learned of Glenn's remarkable story through weekly visits that Glenn makes while delivering documents. In addition to raising these three children, aged 4, 12, and 15, Glenn holds two jobs and is the Commander of the Middletown Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1620.

Raised in Massachusetts, Glenn served in the Army as a paratrooper shortly after World

War II and re-enlisted when the Korean War began. After serving in the Army, Graham drove tractor-trailers for a living. While making deliveries in New Jersey, Glenn was shot in the arm by two teenagers who were "having fun" by firing a rifle at his truck.

Glenn admits that he could not be such a dedicated father without the help of his wife, Mildred. He also acknowledges that he owes his exceptional parenting skills to the example set by his loving father, who raised seven children himself.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Glenn Graham. This remarkable man is an inspiration to fathers across the Nation for his selfless dedication to his family and deserves our genuine congratulations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber on June 6, 2002 and I would like the record to show that had I been present in this chamber, I would have voted "yea" on roll call vote 209, "no" on roll call vote 213. I was also unavoidably absent from this chamber on June 11, 2002 and I would like the record to show that had I been present in this chamber, I would have voted "yea" on roll call vote 220, "yea" on roll call vote 221 and "yea" on roll call vote 222.

Mr. Speaker, I was also unavoidably absent from this chamber on Monday. I would like the record to show that had I been present in this chamber on that date, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 230, 231 and 232.

A TRIBUTE TO UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COLONEL JAMES S. DAVIS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to call your attention to the fact that on Sept. 28, 2002, the retirement of a highly distinguished officer in the United States Air Force—and a lifelong friend of mine—will become effective. The actual last day of service for Col. James S. Davis, Director of Operations for Alaskan Command at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, is June 28, which is why I wish to speak tonight about Jim and his career of service to this Nation.

It certainly dates us, Mr. Speaker, when we recall with fondness those students in our class whose skill and commitment to high school studies, particularly math and science, was marked by a plastic pocket protector in the shirt and a slide rule on a belt clip. Jim Davis was one such student, but Jim was also uniquely friendly and extroverted, and his own academic aptitude never set him apart and away from his classmates. All Jim's classmates shared the same thought: Jim Davis will