

Greg could have retired years ago, and he would still be assured of entering the Baseball Hall of Fame on the first day he is eligible.

But he keeps pitching, and he keeps setting a new standard of excellence.

Sunday, he broke a record that had been held by the great Cy Young himself, winning at least 15 games for the 16th consecutive season.

For a major league pitcher, winning 15 games in a season is a feat that only the best will ever accomplish. To do it for 16 straight years is almost unthinkable.

They say records are made to be broken. Well, I think this one will stand for a long, long time.

The success of Greg Maddux is even more amazing when you consider that he doesn't have overwhelming speed. In an era of 100 mph fastballs, his clock in the mid-80s. He doesn't try to overpower hitters . . . he just outsmarts them.

Maddux is an unsurpassed student of the game who relies on his pinpoint control and his unyielding determination. He never gives in to hitters. He makes them swing at his pitches.

After he defeated the Florida Marlins to break Cy Young's record, 72-year-old Florida manager Jack McKeon said, "He doesn't get you out—he makes you get yourself out."

Anybody who is a baseball fan, as I am, would be proud to know Greg Maddux. But he is more than a great athlete . . . he's a great person.

He is a devoted family man, married to a wonderful wife Kathy. They have a daughter Amanda Paige and a son Chase Alan.

Obviously, the Maddux family could live anywhere they want to. I am proud that they have chosen to live in Las Vegas, where Greg grew up and graduated from Valley High School.

Greg doesn't endorse commercial products, and he has no interest in the glamorous life of a celebrity. Instead, he and his family live quietly, giving generously of their time and money for causes that benefit our community.

Kathy and Greg lead the Maddux Foundation, which is involved in several charitable activities in Las Vegas and Atlanta. The Foundation supports children's homes, domestic crisis shelters, and boys and girls clubs.

In recent years, the Madduxes have expanded their philanthropic efforts, and his brother Mike also has a foundation that helps children.

Baseball fans all over America know Greg Maddux as one of the greatest pitchers in the history of the game.

In southern Nevada, we know him as a devoted family man, a positive role model for kids, and a great neighbor.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. On May 1, 2003, Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the

Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred on August 30, 2003, in New Orleans, LA. There, a 53-year old gay man from Pennsylvania was stabbed in the back. Upon arrest, his attacker confessed that he "wanted to kill a gay man."

I believe that our Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man from Hagerstown, IN. Staff Sergeant Frederick L. Miller, Jr., 27 years old, was killed in Ar Ramadi on September 20, 2003 when an explosive device hit his vehicle while he was on security patrol. Frederick joined the Army with his entire life before him. He chose to risk everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

Frederick was the sixteenth Hoosier soldier to be killed while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He leaves behind his parents, Ann and Frederick Miller, his wife, Jamie, and two daughters, Haley and Sierra. Jamie is pregnant with the couple's third child, a boy. Today, I join Frederick's family, his friends, and the entire Hagerstown community in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over his death, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is this courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Frederick, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Frederick L. Miller, Jr., joined the Army after graduating from Richmond High School in 1994 and would have marked his eighth year of military service next month. He commanded a Bradley Fighting Vehicle in Troop K in the 3rd Squadron of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Before Iraq, he served in combat zones in Kosovo, Yugoslavia and Bosnia. Frederick was discharged after his first tour of duty, but chose to re-enlist after the September 11 attacks. His family remembers him as a true American hero, who returned to the Army during our Nation's most trying time because he felt bound by duty, and today, we honor the sacrifice he made while serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Frederick L. Miller, Jr.'s sac-

rifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow his ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did there." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Frederick's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Frederick L. Miller, Jr. in the official record of the United States Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Frederick's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God bless the United States of America.

CONFIRMATION OF GLEN EDWARD CONRAD

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased today to speak in support of Glen Conrad, who has been confirmed for the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia.

Judge Conrad is no stranger to the Western District or its Federal court: He has served there as a magistrate judge for 27 years. Following his graduation from the Marshall Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary in 1974, he clerked for district judge Ted Dalton of the Western District of Virginia—the same court to which Judge Conrad has been nominated. During the time of his clerkship, Judge Conrad also served as Federal probation officer.

Since the end of his clerkship in 1976, to the present day, Judge Conrad has served as Federal magistrate judge in various districts throughout Virginia. During his lengthy tenure on the bench, Judge Conrad has been recommended for reappointment by three separate Merit Selection Committees.

Judge Conrad has illustrated exemplary care and concern for the state of the law in his home district. He has contributed to continuing legal education efforts over the course of his career, helping to produce course materials for young lawyers starting their practice in the Western District of Virginia. He has also served as a member of the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Committee, where he has helped recommend measures to improve the efficiency of the Virginia court system and reduce the costs of civil litigation.

In addition to being a model citizen, Judge Conrad is an extremely qualified

judge. I thank my colleagues for supporting his confirmation.

CONFIRMATION OF HENRY FRANKLIN FLOYD

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased today to speak in support of Henry Floyd, who has been confirmed for the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.

Judge Floyd has had a stellar legal career on both sides of the bench. He served as a private practice litigator for 19 years before being elevated to the 13th Judicial Circuit of South Carolina in 1992, where he currently sits. He has also served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives.

During his tenure in private practice, Judge Floyd specialized in civil, criminal, and domestic relations litigation, with a general practice of deeds, wills, and estates, and real estate closings. He represented regulated utilities, including an electric cooperative, municipalities, and the County of Pickens.

Judge Floyd served on the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, which was empowered to deal with complaints against members of the bar in the State and to make certain recommendations for disciplinary conduct.

Since his elevation to the bench, Judge Floyd has also been designated to sit as an Acting Justice on the South Carolina Supreme Court from time to time.

Judge Floyd is an extremely well-qualified nominee. He brings more than 30 years of legal experience to the Federal bench. I am confident that he will be a fine addition to the bench and thank my colleagues for supporting his confirmation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON MENTAL RETARDATION AWARD WINNERS

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I am pleased today to join the Illinois chapter of the American Association on Mental Retardation, AAMR, in recognizing the recipients of the 2003 Direct Service Professional Award. These individuals are being honored for their outstanding devotion to the effort to enrich the lives of people with developmental disabilities in Illinois.

These recipients have displayed a strong sense of humanity and professionalism in their work with persons with disabilities. Their efforts have inspired the lives of those for whom they care, and they are an inspiration to me as well. They have set a fine example of community service for all Americans to follow.

These honorees spend more than 50 percent of their time at work in direct, personal involvement with their cli-

ents. They are not primarily managers or supervisors. They are direct service workers at the forefront of America's effort to care for people with special needs. They go to work every day with little recognition, providing much needed and greatly valued care and assistance.

It is my honor and privilege to recognize the Illinois recipients of AAMR's 2003 Direct Service Professional Award: Marsha Andrews, Abelardo Cabrerros, Janice Davila, Linda Dunlap, Sylvia Eiland, Guy Evans, Liz Foose, Tanya Garrett, Emma Grebenick, Jenny Greiner, James Harden, Susan Jauch, Carolyn Jones, Greg LeRette, Luvinia Mayfield, Broderick Porter, and Ginny Seaworth.

I know my fellow Senators will join me in congratulating the winners of the 2003 Direct Service Professional Award. I applaud their dedication and thank them for their service.●

TREEPEOPLE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, on October 11, TreePeople will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its founding. Few organizations have had such an impact, have energized so many volunteers or have so transformed a community as has TreePeople. I applaud them and thank them for their wonderful work over the past 30 years.

TreePeople, much like the trees it plants, started as a tiny seed before blossoming into the powerful organization it is today. TreePeople was founded by a then-15-year-old summer camper, Andy Lipkis. Andy, like many foresters, understood that substantial tree die offs in the local mountains were the consequence of Los Angeles' smog, and wanted to do something about it. Andy organized his fellow campers, and together they ripped up a parking lot and planted a meadow. But he was not finished. Andy next obtained 8,000 seedlings from the California Department of Forestry's surplus stock and started the California Conservation Project, later renamed "TreePeople."

Since its founding, TreePeople has been committed to planting trees millions of trees. They began by planting 50,000 trees with 50,000 student volunteers in environmental programs at Coldwater Canyon Park. Several years later, after the City of Los Angeles estimated that it would take 20 years to plant a million trees in order to comply with the Clean Air Act, TreePeople took on the project and did it in three years. Later, TreePeople helped launch the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, and Kate and Andy Lipkis were elected to the United Nations Environmental Programme's Global 500 Honor Roll. TreePeople's work has extended across international boundaries with thousands of fruit trees being shipped to foreign lands to avert hunger and starvation.

TreePeople has also focused on environmental education programs and

played an important part in getting 60,000 elementary school children to work toward the City's goal of mandatory recycling. In the 1990s, TreePeople launched the Campus Forestry Program, now boasting the participation of more than one million children and teenagers. TreePeople has also developed the Trans-Agency Resources for Environment and Economic Sustainability, or T.R.E.E.S., program to promote better watershed management practices.

Today, TreePeople continues to work tirelessly to make Los Angeles a better and healthier place to live. TreePeople started modestly as one person with a dream. With steadfast determination and passion, his dream became a reality. Andy Lipkis is living proof that one person, with a corps of countless volunteers, can make a big difference. I commend his vision, and I applaud him and all those who helped make his vision tangible. TreePeople's greatest strength is in its ability to attract volunteers who are willing to work for a better community. I thank them for their great work.

I extend my congratulations to everyone involved with TreePeople on this special anniversary and wish them all many more years of continued success.●

RECOGNIZING ROBERT G. MACEACHRAN

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I pay tribute to an exceptional educator from my home State of Michigan. On September 27th, Robert G. MacEachran will retire after 16 years as Superintendent of the Suttons Bay Public Schools. Mr. MacEachran's dedication to his students and lifelong commitment to maintaining a standard of excellence for the Suttons Bay Public Schools has made a great difference in the lives of many residents of northern Michigan.

Mr. MacEachran began his work in public education as a junior high school math teacher in the Battle Creek School District. He then moved to the East Grand Rapids School District and taught high school math for several years. With many years of teaching under his belt, he decided to pursue his longtime goal of becoming an educational administrator to ensure that schools maintained an environment that encouraged learning by stimulating the minds of all students. Mr. MacEachran moved to the Comstock Park Schools where he served as Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, and Director of Community Service.

After 22 years of service as an educator, Mr. MacEachran moved to northern Michigan and took the position of Superintendent for the Suttons Bay public school system. In this position, he has stressed the importance of using the newest technology to ensure that students have all the resources needed to enrich their learning experience. Mr. MacEachran has also made great