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IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR EDWARD REICHBACH

Jeep set eight World Records and won a NCAA title in addition to the Olympic gold. He also played two years in the National Football League for the Detroit Lions even though he had never played college football.

Perhaps his most fitting tribute was in 1958 when Jeep won the prestigious James E. Sullivan Award. That award has been presented annually since 1930 by the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union recognizing our nation's most outstanding amateur athlete. But the award is about more than athletic performance. The Sullivan Award is given to the athlete who, "By his * * * performance, example and influence as an amateur, has done the most during the year to advance the cause of sportsmanshin'

No finer tribute could be given, and no one has been more deserving of it, than Glenn ".leen" Davis

Glenn "Jeep" Davis' remarkable career began in Barberton. Ohio where he singlehandedly won Barberton High School the 1954 Ohio state high school title in track and field. Best of all, Jeep returned to Barberton where he continued his distinguished career as a coach, a teacher, and a mentor. Today, with hurdles far behind, he remains an inspiration to the people of Barberton and to everyone who remembers his outstanding athletic achievements.

TRIBUTE TO CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY WARRIORS

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Eastern Connecticut State University Warriors, a college baseball team in my district that took home the national Division III title on May 28. The accomplishments of Division III teams are frequently overlooked, and I believe we should all take the time to recognize the extraordinary efforts made by both the players and coaches.

As we in Congress all know, NCAA Division III programs are not allowed to offer scholarships or other financial incentives to their players. These college athletes truly play for a love of the game. These students put in as much time and effort into the sport as any other college athletes, even though there is little media coverage and less fanfare.

This Division III team's return to Connecticut last Thursday, however, met with a great deal of fanfare. On their route back to the campus in Wilamantic, the team members and coaches were met with a police escort. The students sat on a flatbed truck, which paraded them onto campus, where some 250 fans were waiting to greet them at a celebration.

This recognition is well-deserved. The Warriors blew out their opponent 16-1 in the Division III finals last Wednesday in Salem, Virginia. Among this fine group of athletes and coaches. I would like to especially recognize a few.

First of all, I would like to congratulate Coach Bill Holowaty. This marks his third national title in his 30-season coaching career at Eastern Connecticut. Coach Holowaty has a winning percentage of .725, making him the second-winningest active coach in Division III.

My congratulations to him; his wife, Jan, and his three children.

Secondly, I would like to also extend my congratulations to the tournament MVP. Chris D'Amato. D'Amato, who is also the team cocaptain, batted .786 in the tournament and finished the season with a 20-game hitting streak. He will be starting a student teaching position in the fall, and this will complete his studies in physical education. D'Amato hopes to coach baseball as a future career. My best wishes for his future with the game.

Each of the other players, assistant coaches and everyone associated with the team should be commended for their efforts. This has been an amazing year for an excellent program, and I wish all of them the best for the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J.D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, June 4, 1998, I missed roll call votes 193, 194, and 195 because I was attending former Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater's funeral. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all three votes.

THE ALAMEDA COUNTY DESALINATION PROGRAM

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of important legislation that will benefit the people in Alameda County, California

I have introduced a bill that would authorize the construction of the Alameda County Brackish Water Desalination plant. This plant would treat the water from San Francisco Bay that has been creeping into the groundwater used by residents of my district in Alameda County. The water would either be directed for residential use or be put back into the ground.

This project will decrease our dependability on water imported from the San Francisco Bay Delta and help us reclaim our groundwater basin. Additionally, this plant will improve the water quality and availability for almost 300,000 people in Fremont, California and the surrounding areas.

This bill would authorize construction of the plant under the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Studies Act and will cost \$30 million. The bill makes specific provisions to exclude the U.S. Government from incurring any costs associated with the operation of the plant and limits the total federal expenditures to 25% of the total construction cost. This onetime appropriation for construction will go a long way to ensure water quality and accessibility for the people of Alameda County.

I urge my colleagues to support this important project and to take action soon to allow the Bureau of Reclamation to proceed with the feasibility study.

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. Speaker, I pay a respectful tribute and congratulate a man I am proud to call my former college professor, Dr. Edward Reichbach, on his well earned retire-

Dr. Reichbach was a member of the founding faculty at my alma mater, Florida International University. He will retire this June after forty-four years of being an educator. Throughout his career he prepared both elementary grade students and trained college students to become teachers, guiding them toward graduate degrees. Concentrating in the field of Social Studies, Dr. Reichbach taught mostly minority students to become elementary school teachers in south Florida.

As a college professor, he urged his students to make teaching Social Studies fun and enjoyable by emphasizing why historical events occurred and what effect they had on the people, particularly children, of the time. Dr. Reichbach's classes at Florida International University soon became a favorite as he was able to capture the attention and adoration of his students through his wit and innovating teaching techniques.

During his tenure, Dr. Reichbach conducted workshops throughout the country and participated in travels to India. China and Africa to speak on Social Studies topics. During his travels, he was fortunate to meet with important leaders, such as Indira Ghandi, with whom he discussed the problems confronting the Indian education system.

This month, Dr. Reichbach and his wife Judith will be traveling in a motor home to revisit the historical and geographical sites, in both the U.S. and Canada, that he lectured on for forty-four years.

In honor of Dr. Edward Reichbach's vast accomplishments and outstanding achievements, I ask my Congressional colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating him on his welldeserved retirement.

A CELEBRATION OF FORTY YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD: THE REVEREND WILLIAM J. SHIELDS

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. BORSKI, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to Reverend William J. Shields in honor of his forty years of priesthood.

Father Shields has brought a wealth of knowledge, sensitivity, inspiration, and service to all that have encountered his wisdom. He was born in the "Swampoodle" section of North Philadelphia, near St. Columba's Church at 24th and Lehigh. Father Shields likes to remind us that he was born in the shadow of the old Connie Mack Stadium.

The young William Shields was extremely involved in the Parish Scouting Troop #22. After graduating from St. Columba's Grade School, Father Shields then went to Roman Catholic High School at Broad and Vine Streets, the oldest Catholic High School in the nation. He graduated from Roman in 1948 and began his college career at St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. He received his B.A. in Philosophy in 1954 and then began graduate studies in Theology. He completed his Theological studies in 1958 and was ordained to the Priesthood by Cardinal John P. O'Hara, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

The young Father Shields began his priest-hood at St. Ambrose Parish in Schuylkill Haven. After that a succession of appointments took him to Shillington, Hamburg, Shenandoah, Allentown, Catasauqua, and Lansford and Reading. He then went to Weatherly, where he spent 22 years as the Pastor of St. Nicholas Parish. In 1995 Father Shields retired and now resides at Holy Family Villa in Bethlehem.

Father Shields is a man of many interests. The greatest of his interests is people. He has a genuine and abiding interest in the people around him. He loves his family. He loves Philadelphia and its history. He has a great love of church music. He has an appreciation and love of architecture as he repeatedly argues, "Don't look down. Look up and see the tops of the buildings!" He loves Cape May. He loves traveling—meeting new people and seeing new scenes. But above all, he loves language—words and concepts.

On Sunday, May 17, 1998 Saint Columbkill Church in Boyertown, Pennsylvania, gathered to honor Father Shields on his Fortieth Anniversary of his priestly ordination. With great love and admiration, his friends and family came to celebrate a good friend, a good priest, a good pastor, and a good Christian man. I am proud to extend to him my most heartfelt good wishes in honor of his forty year achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES $Thursday, \ June \ 4, \ 1998$

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend to the attention of my colleagues legislation that I am introducing today with my fellow Ways and Means Committee member, ROB-

Quite simply, this bill will clarify the length of time which petroleum storage facilities are depreciated for tax purposes. Since 1981 the petroleum terminal industry has depreciated this property over a 5 year time period. Recently, however, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has challenged this practice. Instead, the IRS has suggested that the correct depreciable life for petroleum storage facilities is 15 years. My bill will end this debate and state that petroleum storage tanks may be depreciated over

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five years.

Congress has changed the depreciation rules for numerous properties since 1981, but we have not acted to specifically change the depreciation rules for petroleum storage tanks. The petroleum storage industry has complied with the tax code in good faith, now only to be told the IRS wants to change the rules. The IRS is even instituting this change in selective cases through examinations. While we in Con-

gress do give the IRS the authority to enforce the tax laws, only Congress, and specifically the House Ways and Means Committee, has the Constitutional authority to originate new tax laws.

Enactment of this legislation will resolve this issue, and both the taxpayers in the petroleum storage industry as well as the IRS will be saved the millions of dollars which would otherwise be spent disputing the correct depreciation time. I urge my colleagues to join us in cosponsoring this important bill.

MICHIGAN CITY NEWS DISPATCH 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRA-TION DAY

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, Thomas Jefferson once said of newspapers: "The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Today, June 4th, one of the great papers in the State of Indiana, the Michigan City News-Dispatch, marks 60 years of continuous publication as a daily newspaper. Formed by the merger of the Michigan City News and the Evening Dispatch in 1938, the News-Dispatch has compiled an outstanding record of professionalism and public service. Michigan City and the State of Indiana are fortunate to have a newspaper that sets such a high standard for community service and journalistic competence.

The News-Dispatch is an exceptional newspaper in a variety of ways. Allow me to mention a few examples. First, the dedicated and devoted staff of the News-Dispatch produce a newspaper that is consistent in the high quality of its content. Even though the newspaper has recently changed ownership, the News-Dispatch has retained its reputation as a reliable source of the community's daily information

Second, the News-Dispatch has been actively involved in and devoted to improving the Michigan City community. From the very beginning of its publication, the News-Dispatch has successfully pursued projects such as helping to rid crime from Michigan City; financially supporting area children's groups; and promoting community pride and civic participation.

Third, the News-Dispatch has been devoted to ensuring that local businesses receive support from the area. By initiating a successful campaign for the development of a municipal airport, voicing the need for more trade within the area, and by organizing a developmental advisory counsel, the News-Dispatch has not only voiced its concern about the livelihood of area businesses, but also taken action to ensure that these businesses are able to thrive in the community.

When Joseph Pulitzer retired, he outlined a standard for newspapers that exemplifies the history of the News-Dispatch. "That it will always fight for progress and reform, never tol-

erate injustice or corruption, always fight demagogues of all parties, never lack sympathy with the poor, always be drastically independent, never be afraid to attack wrong, whether by predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty."

The residents of the News-Dispatch will mark June 4th with the hope and assurance that the newspaper will continue to have a similar impact for many years into the future.

AUDREY A. STRICKER HONORED BY COOPERATIVE OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS, INC. "21ST CEN-TURY WOMAN OF MEDICINE"

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to your attention that Audrey A. Stricker, a native born and raised Pennsylvanian who did her early nursing training in Pittsburgh, has devoted 30 years to the field of medicine in evolving capacities and is returning home from Los Angeles, CA to the East Coast this month. On June 17, 1998, the Cooperative of American Physicians-Mutual Protection Trust (CAP-MPT) is honoring Ms. Stricker at their Los Angeles headquarters on her retirement to express their appreciation for her 19 years of service to CAP-MPT. The mission of the Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc. is to provide risk reduction and financial protection services of the highest quality for physicians and affiliated groups, and to promote membership in the interindemnity trust (MPT). The mission of the Mutual Protection Trust is to provide the highest quality, cost effective professional liability protection services for qualified member physicians and affiliated entities. CAP-MPT continues to strive to put doctors in charge of the business of medicine with its 13 physician member Board of Directors led by President and Chairman Darwood B. Hance, M.D. and its 5 physician member Board of Trustees led by Chairman J. Michael Wormley, M.D. CAP-MPT, as it did in its beginning 21 years ago in response to the California crisis in medical malpractice liability insurance, remains a physician directed enterprise.

Ms. Stricker's early career was devoted to front-line management and delivery of medical care at various hospitals from 1968 until 1979, including: Shadvside Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA as an Operating Room and Recovery Room Supervisor; Director of Operating and Recovery Room Services at Northridge General Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, FL; and finally as Asst. Director of Nursing, Operating Room Services at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. During this period, Ms. Stricker pursued a quest of knowledge and personal growth that mirrors the changing times in medical practice in the United States by enhancing her skills from an R.N. Degree obtained in Pittsburgh, PA to a B.S. in Nursing Degree from the University of Buffalo, N.Y. Continuing in the path of expanding her medical expertise and horizons while serving at Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Ms. Stricker in April, 1980 obtained a B.S. Degree in Management from Pepperdine University, Los Angeles.

With this broad base of educational and professional experience and resources in medicine, Ms. Stricker began in 1979 her service