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HANK STRAM/TONY ZALE SPORTS  
AWARD BANQUET

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 1998*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that Lodge 2365 of the Polish National Alliance of the United States, also known as the Silver Bell Club, held its 25th Annual Hank Stram/Tony Zale Sports Award Banquet yesterday, May 18, 1998, at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana. Eighteen Northwest Indiana high school students of Polish and Slavic descent received the prestigious Hank Stram/Tony Zale Award plaque at last night's banquet. These outstanding students were chosen to receive the award by their respective schools on the basis of academic and athletic achievement. All proceeds from the banquet will go toward a scholarship fund which will be awarded to deserving students next year.

This year's Hank Stram/Tony Zale Award recipients include: Andrew Bien of Boone Grove High School; Jeff Bozovich of Chesterton High School; Andrew Byrom of Merrillville High School; Luke DeBold of Andean High School; Tania Fliter of Griffith High School; Stephen Hnatiuk of Hobart High School; Cheryl Jakubczyk of Hammond High School; Richard Jaryszak of Lowell High School; Dan Kaminski of Portage High School; Steve Kaminski of Portage High School; Annie Knish of Munster High School; Ben Lyon of Highland High School; Justin Marcinkewicz of Bishop Noll Institute; Kelly O'Brien of Crown Point High School; Dan Perryman of Lake Station Edison High School; Eileen Stahura of Whiting High School; Becky Turek of Valparaiso High School; and Melissa Wychocki of Lake Central High School.

Hank Stram, one of the most successful coaches in professional football history, was present at yesterday's event. Hank was raised in Gary, Indiana, and he graduated from Lew Wallace High School where he played football, basketball, baseball, and ran track. While attending college at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Hank won four letters in baseball and three letters in football. During his senior year, he received the coveted Big Ten Medal, which is awarded to the conference athlete who best combines athletic and academic success. After college, Hank entered the NFL where he became best noted for coaching the Kansas City Chiefs to a Super Bowl victory in 1970.

The late Tony Zale was a champion boxer from Gary, Indiana. During his boxing career,

Tony defeated the National Boxing Association champion in July of 1940, became a world titleholder when he defeated World Middleweight Champion, Georgie Abrams, in 1941, and successfully defended his title against famous boxer, Rocky Graziano, in 1945. When Tony retired from boxing in 1948, he left the profession with the distinction of fighting and beating every contender in the middleweight division during his championship reign from 1941 through 1948 and, in the 1950s, he was inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame. Tony Zale passed away in March of last year.

The distinguished speaker at last night's event was former NFL quarterback and head football coach, Sam Wyche. An NFL player and coach for 27 years, Sam was one of the original Cincinnati Bengals in 1968, and he was the quarterback on the Bengals first play-off team in 1970. Sam began his coaching career with Bill Walsh and the San Francisco 49ers. He coached quarterback Joe Montana from his rookie year through the 49ers first Super Bowl victory in 1981. Sam was then head coach of the Bengals in Super Bowl XXIII, which was against the 49ers. Sam has just completed his first year as one of the members of NBC's pre-game show, "NFL on NBC".

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the Silver Bell Club for hosting this celebration of success in sports and academics. The hard work of all those involved in planning this worthwhile event is indicative of their devotion to the very gifted young people in Indiana's First Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. SANDY  
CANDIOTTY

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 1998*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Sandy Candiotty for her outstanding commitment to others that has done so much to improve the quality of life in our community. Both as a successful business woman and as an avid supporter of charitable projects, she has used her intelligence and charisma to distinguish herself as a woman of valor.

The Talmud tells us that "He who does charity and justice is as if he had filled the whole world with kindness." Sandy has had a long tradition of service to the community through her family. Her father's family, the Taylors, founded Taylortown, Pennsylvania in the 1700's as well as Belmont County in Ohio. In addition to this, one of the family's most famous sons was Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States.

In the business community, Sandy served in management and supervisory positions at Bank of America, Great Western Savings and Mercury Savings. While serving in these positions she was involved in all aspects of marketing. At Mercury, she also developed an entirely new staff training program for the company. Sandy converted to Judaism and married Max Candiotty on June 2, 1991.

At the Sephardic Temple-Tifereth Israel she has served as Sisterhood Co-President and as Vice-President of Programming. She is a

board member and serves on the executive board of My Discovery Place where she has chaired three major fund raisers. At the Maimonides Academy she has co-chaired two Chinese Auctions and has helped out in numerous school related projects.

Sandy also serves on the Board of Directors of the Sephardic Educational Center, and is active in the UJF Sephardic Women's Division, the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Women's League of the University of Judaism where she received the coveted Torah Fund Award. As a supporter of the humanities and the arts she has assisted the American Friends of Israel Museum, the Smithsonian, the Metropolitan, the Los Angeles County Museum, and has been appointed Chair of the Levy Sephardic Museum.

Mrs. Candiotty has served her own family as well, and has raised both her son Stephen and her daughter Dana to be successful and contributing members of the community. We are told in the Talmud that "When you teach your son you teach your son's sons," and Sandy has taken her commitment to education seriously.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Sandy Candiotty. Her dedication to charity and service has improved the community and made her a role model for us all.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER GLORIA JEAN  
ZIESKE

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 1998*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate, Sister Gloria Jean Zieske for her hard work and dedication to education. Sister Gloria Jean is retiring after twenty years as Principal of St. Veronica's School in Eastpointe, Michigan. Her friends, colleagues, and students will honor her with a reception on Sunday, May 31st.

Education has always been important to Sister Gloria Jean. She has studied at Nazareth College, University of Notre Dame, University of Dayton, Marygrove College, Edgewood College and Siena Heights College. As both a teacher and administrator, Sister Gloria Jean has been sharing the joys of learning with children since 1949. In 1997, Sister Gloria Jean received recognition from the University of Notre Dame for her contributions to Catholic education. She was also nominated by Today's Catholic Teachers as one of the 25 most influential individuals in Catholic education.

She joined the faculty at St. Veronica's in 1978. Sister Gloria Jean has been more than just a Principal, she has taught religion and coordinated the Elementary Religious Education Program. For more than twenty years, the students and parishioners of St. Veronica's have been graced by Sr. Gloria Jean's spirit and love of learning.

St. Veronica's School is a very special place. As a graduate of this school, I know how hard the staff and faculty work to create an educational and spiritual environment. Sister Gloria Jean's compassion and interest in improving the educational system have made her a compelling symbol of everything that education should embrace. I would like to give

my heartfelt congratulations to Sister Gloria Jean as she celebrates her retirement.

CONGRATULATING MISSION SAN JOSE HIGH SCHOOL FOR WINNING EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S BLUE RIBBON AWARD

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 1998*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mission San Jose High School for winning the Blue Ribbon award from the Department of Education. Mission San Jose was one of six California schools to win this prestigious award and one of 166 schools nationwide.

Mission San Jose proves that public schools can be effective advocates for all students to succeed in the 21st Century. Mission San Jose believes that all students can learn and all students will learn. The facts prove them correct.

Mission San Jose High School has an attendance rate of over 95 percent and a drop-out rate of .05 percent. The student average SAT scores are in the top 5 percent of the nation. 65 percent of the student body is on the honor roll and the most importantly to me is that 95 percent of students go on to post-secondary institutions.

These numbers speak for themselves and for the faculty and administrators at Mission San Jose High. I congratulate Principal Mathog for her outstanding leadership and positive views.

This success by one of our public schools is the best argument against some of the arguments of my colleagues. Eliminating the Department of Education and advocating public funds to be spent on scholarship vouchers for private schools is not the right step to providing opportunity and hope for all students. Public schools work and I can prove it.

Mission San Jose deserves this award and I congratulate them.

HONORING JOHN BRUEN SR.

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 1998*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with regret that I inform our colleagues of the passing of one of the most remarkable residents of my 20th Congressional District of New York.

John Bruen Sr. was 92 years young when he died this past weekend, but right until the end he remained the embodiment of the dignity of the individual.

John Bruen was born in 1906 in Goshen, NY, and lived in that community his entire life. His grandfather was a runaway slave, who had shown John the scars on his back from the whippings he had received as a slave, and which remained on him until the day he died.

Because of his heritage, John was working for civil rights for all Americans long before it became fashionable to do so. As a young man, he worked grooming horses at the Goshen Historic Track in Goshen, New York. It

was there, as a boy, that he learned his love of reading and especially his love of history. A friend gave him a biography of Abraham Lincoln, and that initiated John's lifelong dedication to equality for Afro Americans.

John married Gertrude Van Dyke in 1925, and they had six children.

John loved his family and taught them to share his love of liberty and of history. He worked for 30 years for the Erie Railroad, but was a true renaissance man: in the 1930's, John began his career as a semi-pro baseball player. In one season, he had an astonishing .517 batting average. Those were the days when professional baseball was closed to Black Americans. However, when Jackie Robinson broke that color barrier, forever, John Bruen was one of the first to cheer him on.

John became an expert on the life stories of those heroes who paved the way for equality: Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, W.E.B. Dubois, Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as Jackie Robinson, and a host of others. John was a good friend of another outstanding resident of our region—Floyd Patterson—and the two of them shared their love for boxing, at which John also tried his hand, and for humanitarianism.

John had a gift for the written word, and from 1959 until near his death, the daily and weekly newspapers in Orange County, New York, published his views on the issues of the day. He was a consistent fighter against segregation, prejudice, and racism. He was superb at quoting those figures from the past who he so admired, and who he believed were living proof that all the races should live in harmony.

John was always of tremendous help to me throughout my career in public service. He used his column effectively to promote the causes he so believed in, and to remind us of our responsibilities to human rights for all. John was quick to praise those of us who supported civil rights, but would not consider compromise on those issues he considered basic to human dignity.

To John's surviving children, to his many loved ones, and to those who greatly admired him, we extend our heartfelt condolences. While John Bruen Sr. may not be quoted in our textbooks or popular histories, it is in great part due to the relentless trails blazed and consciences stirred by individuals such as John throughout our nation that we are closer than ever to achieving the dream of Martin Luther King Jr.

John you left your mark—we will long miss you.

TRIBUTE TO THE UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA

**HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 1998*

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I am speaking today in honor of a leading organization in America's Jewish community, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, in recognition of its 100th anniversary.

The Orthodox Union represents over one million members from one thousand congregations across the country in matters religious

and communal. In its efforts to assist Orthodox Jews in America, the Orthodox Union runs the renowned Kashruth Certification Program to guarantee certified kosher food for the observant. The Orthodox Union's National Council for the Jewish Disabled serves as an outreach program for the deaf and the developmentally disabled which has helped thousands of disabled live fuller lives. The Orthodox Union has always been at the forefront of the fight for the concerns of the world's Jewish population, working to strengthen and protect the state of Israel as well as defending Jewish civil rights and playing a vital role in the struggle to save the Soviet Jewry.

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America was established in 1898 by Dr. Henry Pereira Mendes, the leader of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue in New York to promote Torah Judaism and help organize the fragmented American Orthodox Jewish community. Since then, the Orthodox Union has served the needs of over 1 million members in more than 1,000 congregations nationwide. To address the need for Jewish continuity the Orthodox Union created the NCSY, a dynamic outreach movement for teenagers. Through its efforts, the Orthodox Union has helped the modern orthodox congregant prosper in a world which often seeks to strip them of their religious and cultural identity. In this role, the Orthodox Union has played a vital part in the worldwide advancement of Judaism.

On this anniversary, I call upon all of my colleagues in the House to join me in giving tribute to the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America in recognition of the defining role that it has played in the formation of modern American Judaism. I congratulate the Orthodox Union on its successful first one hundred years, and wish it many more.

BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 1998*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the House of Representatives for passing H.R. 2829, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1997.

I have met with law enforcement officials from across my district who feel this is an important and useful bill. Currently, 25 percent of our nation's state and local law enforcement officials do not have access to bulletproof vests. Additionally, police officers not wearing a bulletproof vest have a fatality risk 14 times that of officers wearing a vest. There is an obvious need to make sure those who risk their lives on our behalf have access to these life-saving devices.

H.R. 2829 will ensure that for the days to come, no police officer will be left unnecessarily exposed in the line of duty. Bulletproof vests are one of the most basic forms of law enforcement protection, and America now sends a message to its law enforcement officials—we will protect you who valiantly protect us every day.