

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## TRIBUTE TO RECIPIENTS OF GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute several outstanding young women who have been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by Green Meadows Girl Scout Council in Urbana, IL. They are Kathy Wakeley, Valerie Karr, Amy Watson, Erin Winter of Girl Scout Troop 220, Heather Jacobson, Teri Heater, Rebecca Rich, Rachel Rich of Girl Scout Troop 203, Christine Owens, Alison Smith of Troop 74, and Rose Johnson, an individually registered Girl Scout. These young women were honored at the Green Meadows Girl Scout Council's 29th Annual Older Girl Recognition Banquet, held on May 13, 1996, for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award can be earned by girls aged 14 to 17, or in grades 9 to 12.

Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. She must also design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the Senior Girl Scout and carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

Kathy Wakeley's project was titled "Welcome Bags for a Woman's Place." She collected travel-size personal items from dentists, hotels, and stores to place in bags for women and children who were forced to leave their home in a hurry. They receive the bags to help them gain a sense of ownership.

Valerie Karr's project was titled "Bear Hugs for Kids." She purchased 60 teddy bears with donations she received from local business and civic groups. The bears were given to the Mahomet and Seymour Fire Department to give to children for comfort during crisis situations, fires, and accidents.

Amy Watson's project was titled "Audio Books for a Grade School." She consulted the principal and librarian for ideas on books to record on cassette tapes. The tapes will provide additional resources for teachers to use in the classroom.

Erin Winter's project was titled "Books on Tape." She organized 24 volunteers from the drama club to read 17 books on tape for the special education department including 2 full-length text-books.

Heather Jacobson's project was titled "Quilts for the Homeless." She sewed 10

fullsize quilts for the homeless. They also received bags containing personal toiletries.

Teri Heater's project was titled "Lap Quilts for Low-Income Nursing Home." She made 25 lap quilts for the elderly nursing home residents.

Rebecca Rich's project was titled "Understanding Differences; Matters of Faith Forum." She brought together a group of people of different faiths for achieving tolerance in a nonjudgmental forum. They had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about each others religion.

Rachel Rich's project was titled "Wildlife-4 Kids." She introduced wildlife through books and live animals. Children of all ages learned about a variety of animals and received an educational experience.

Christine Owens' project was titled "Daisy and Brownie Girl Scout Water Safety and Survival Class." She used her life guarding skills to organize and conduct this workshop for younger Girl Scouts in the Danville area. Originally planned for 25 girls, the workshop was attended by 35 girls and 8 adults. Christine taught girls how to keep themselves and others safe in an aquatic environment.

Alison Smith's project was titled "Book Drive for the YMCA Women's Shelter." She collected over 350 books from middle and high schools to donate to the shelter for use by children who have been forced out of their homes due to unfortunate circumstances.

Rose Johnson's project was titled "Upgrade of Park Equipment in Sheldon." She organized an aluminum can recycling project with proceeds donated to the Sheldon Park and Sign fund. This is a continuing project and members of the community were asked to save cans to help raise money for additional park playground equipment.

I believe that all of these young women should receive public recognition for the significant service to their community.

## TRIBUTE TO THE LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM AND COACH TERRY SULLIVAN

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding group of young men and their coach on their tremendous recent triumphs.

The varsity baseball team at Lyons Township High School in my district recently placed third in the State tournament and their coach, Terry Sullivan, was a consensus choice as Coach of the Year.

However, perhaps what was most impressive about the 1996 Lyons Township High School Baseball Team was that it was one of those rare squads who transcended what the experts and critics perceived as their potential.

As most LTHS baseball teams in previous years, the 1996 squad was expected to do well this season. But this group of 16-, 17-, and 18-year-old young men, some of whom had played together since Little League, turned a good year into one that they will remember for a lifetime. Led by their most valuable player, catcher Doug Nichols, and 16-game winner, pitcher Ryan Businaro, the Lions set a school record of 34 wins in a season. In addition they enjoyed a 14-game winning streak and defeated regular season conference champion and archrival Oak Park-River Forest in the sectional final to reach the State Tournament.

Even the tough 4-2 loss in the State semifinals did little to dampen the LTHS's great season. As Coach Sullivan said, "This team had an evenness to it. There were no peaks and valleys, no highs and lows. We stayed on a pretty lofty plateau the entire season."

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Sullivan and his entire squad on their achievements this season, and wish them continued success in the coming years.

## CORA SERVICES, INC., 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate CORA Services, Inc., which will celebrate its 25th anniversary in Philadelphia next month, and to recognize its founder, Sister M. Charity Kohl, a Sister of Good Shepherd, for her meritorious service in the community.

CORA Services was founded in 1971 by Sister M. Charity Kohl. It is a community-based, nonprofit organization, which was created by Sister Charity to reach out to children through prevention and early intervention, rather than waiting for a child or teen to get into trouble. The agency, which began as a small, neighborhood counseling center, has grown into a major provider of human services to the greater Philadelphia community. Each year, more than 30,000 children and families are served by CORA's programs.

Educational services provided in these schools include counseling, psychological evaluations, reading and math remediation, and student assessments. These services are offered to over 60 nonpublic schools in northeast Philadelphia. In addition, the agency has expanded to provide services to certain public schools in the northwest and northeast parts of the city.

Community-based teen intervention programs, a teen dropout program, and drug and alcohol abuse prevention and education efforts highlight CORA's Community Service Division. CORA also offers a summer day camp and an Early Years Program for children and families

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