

Angelo Quatrociocchi, of Cooper City, is an active volunteer at Memorial Manor, a residential home for seniors. His activities include transporting residents to activities, assisting with meals, and playing his accordion and harmonica for the residents. Angelo continued to volunteer even after his wife, Josephine, died. His commitment to the community is unwavering.

Herman Small, of Hallandale, is an advocate for the community's elderly. For the past 10 years, Herman has been developing fundraising concepts for the Area Agency on Agency. Herman also educates the community's elderly on legislation that directly affects them.

Bertha Walker, a resident of Broward County for over 50 years, devotes her time to improving the community. She chaperoned local students on field trips and has been recognized by the YMCA for her dedication to the community's youth. Her contributions to the area's youth are appreciated by all.

Benjamin Wermiel, of Coconut Creek, has been contributing his time and energy to the community for 15 years. As secretary of the elderly interest fund, Benjamin raised \$400,000 for the organization's Medivan Program. Benjamin is also the Broward coalition's representative to the Florida Health Care Campaign which seeks to provide universal health care to all Floridians. Benjamin has improved the lives of many residents in Broward County.

Florida and Broward County are fortunate to have these inspiring senior citizens who give so much to their communities. I congratulate them today and wish for them many more productive and healthy years.

#### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS SAY "NO" TO SPIT TOBACCO

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, for far too long, tobacco and baseball have been almost synonymous. Dipping or chewing tobacco has been one of the rituals of baseball. Batters stepping out of the batters box to spit, fielders checking the pouch or tin tucked in their hip pocket, bullpen personnel having spitting contests—the fabric of baseball has been colored by the mix of tobacco juice and spit that accompany the use of smokeless tobacco.

Unfortunately, even major league baseball superheroes can't avoid the consequences of tobacco use. Players have found themselves addicted. What seemed to be a colorful and harmless ritual turned out to have a deadly undertow. Many ballplayers have had to deal with serious oral health problems caused by tobacco use. Some have lost a jaw when oral cancer invaded. Some have lost their life.

Fortunately, the tide is turning. I was involved in an effort several years ago to discourage the use of tobacco by ballplayers. It led to the banning of smokeless tobacco use in the field and in the clubhouse at the collegiate level and throughout the minor leagues.

Only the major leagues remain open to smokeless tobacco use, and even

there the glorification of tobacco is subsidizing. What the players and owners have been unwilling to mandate is gradually happening through education and the example of ballplayers who have been willing to take a stand. Smokeless tobacco use is on the decline.

Equally important, ballplayers are beginning to use their positions as role models for our Nation's youth to deliver the important message that you don't have to chew or dip to be successful on the field.

I attended this year's opening day game at Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox, and was pleased to see a full-page color ad with an important message. Beneath the pictures of one star from each major league team was this message: "We Agree! Chew, Dip, or Snuff Aren't Part of Our Game. Don't Make Spit Tobacco Part of Yours! Just Play the Game."

This message was brought to the fans at Comiskey Park as a public service by the Chicago White Sox and the National Spit Tobacco Education Program, a program sponsored by "Oral Health America."

The National Spit Tobacco Education Program, or NSTEP, is a multimedia, multiyear campaign to communicate to the American public that spit tobacco is not a safe alternative to cigarettes. This year, the initiative includes television and radio public service announcements during baseball broadcasts, an educational outreach to broadcasters and writers, in-stadium outreaches to the fans including scoreboard video messages, and intervention efforts to help current players who need assistance in quitting their use of spit tobacco.

This program is desperately needed. Spit tobacco leads to nicotine addiction, gum disease, and tooth loss, as well as mouth and throat cancer. Oral cancer is diagnosed in 30,000 people annually and kills approximately 8,000 people annually.

While spit tobacco used to be used primarily by older men, boys and young men are now the primary consumers of this deadly product. In Illinois, 10 percent of junior high and high school boys have used smokeless tobacco in the past month. Across the country, nearly 20 percent of high school boys are current users of spit tobacco, and the average age at which children first try the product is under age 10.

Moreover, the link between baseball and tobacco exists not only in the major leagues, but in the little leagues as well. According to a study by the Illinois Department of Public Health, 70 percent of children who report regular use of smokeless tobacco are members of organized sports teams.

The NSTEP program is an important part of the effort to reverse this trend and help our youngsters and budding all-stars to get off to a healthy tobacco-free start in life.

I would also like to commend the Chicago White Sox for their refusal to

permit tobacco advertising at Comiskey Park.

The tobacco companies have used stadium billboards for two purposes: to promote their products to the fans in the seats and to get around the television advertising ban to pitch their products to the millions of fans sitting at home watching the game on television. Obviously, many of those fans are children—the very people the tobacco industry needs to hook on its products to maintain a steady base of customers.

Every year, the tobacco companies lose 2 million American customers. Four hundred thousand die of tobacco-related diseases and the rest quit smoking or die of other causes. To replace those smokers, dippers, and chewers, they must turn to our children, because very few adults start the dangerous practice of tobacco use.

The decision by the White Sox to forego the profits associated with tobacco advertising is an important step that helps reduce the barrage of marketing that reaches our Nation's children. Both that decision and the ballplayers' campaign against spit tobacco send an important message: that baseball and tobacco don't mix.

I applaud these actions by the players and the team, and I encourage every player and every team to follow these good examples. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR AND ROENA MOSES ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Arthur and Roena Moses from Sanbornton, NH, on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Arthur and Roena were united in marriage on March 2, 1947, in a double ring ceremony at the Congregational Church in South Danbury, NH. After a motor trip honeymoon around New England, the couple made their home in Sanbornton and have lived there for the past 50 years.

Arthur and Roena raised four children, Eugene, Gail, Jeffrey, and Barry Moses. Roena Moses grew up in South Danbury. She attended local schools and graduated from Franklin High School in 1945. She worked in the Franklin Public Library, and then for Cormier Hosiery until she retired in 1985. Today she spends her time knitting garments for newborn babies, and enjoys doing puzzles, camping, playing games, and visiting with all her friends. Roena has also contributed to the arts and crafts program at the Shaker Village in Canterbury, NH.

Arthur has lived his whole life in Sanbornton. He grew up at a farm and was a farmer for 40 years. He also worked for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation [DOT] in the maintenance division 3. Arthur retired in 1985 after working for 25 years at the same Tilton DOT location.

Arthur and Roena both enjoy camping. For the last several years Roena