

Jimmy Stewart was born on May 20, 1908, in Indiana, PA. He graduated from Princeton University in 1932 and soon traveled to Broadway. After a string of hits, he went to Hollywood and appeared in his first movie, "Murder Man," with Spencer Tracy. He portrayed characters in nearly 80 films, spanning the film genres of westerns, dramas, thrillers, and comedies. He starred with the greats of the Silver Screen: Grace Kelly, Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grant, and John Wayne.

In 1941, Stewart enlisted in the U.S. Army. His military career was as successful as his acting career. He flew 25 successful missions over enemy territory and was promoted to the rank of colonel. Due to his bravery and valor he was awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He retired in 1968 with the rank of brigadier general, making him the highest-ranking entertainer in the United States Military.

After the war, he appeared in "It's A Wonderful Life," one of the most celebrated movies in American history. In 1940, he won his first Academy Award for the "Philadelphia Story." Always known as a humble man, he sent the award home to his parents. He went on to be nominated four more times. He won the lifetime achievement award from the American Film Institute in 1980, the Kennedy Center in 1983, and the Film Society of Lincoln Center in 1990.

Jimmy Stewart, a true renaissance man, served as a role model for many Americans during his 89 years. Several generations have already enjoyed his movies and their influence is sure to continue to posterity.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully urge my colleagues to take a moment to remember Jimmy Stewart—a man who embodied the spirit of America.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE HARVILLE

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Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, the Piedmont Triad of North Carolina has a rich sports heritage and a man who has reported on much of it for more than half a century has been honored as one of the best ever produced by our State. I am referring to sports broadcasting legend Charlie Harville of Greensboro, NC. Harville, the first television sports anchor in the Greensboro-High Point market, has been inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

As a student at High Point College, now University, Charlie Harville began his broadcasting career at WMFR-AM as a substitute baseball announcer for the Class D North Carolina State League Thomasville Tommies. After he worked his first game on April 28, 1938, the radio station hired him permanently. Harville's budding broadcasting career was suspended by 4½ year tour of duty in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Following his discharge, he landed radio jobs in Martinsville, VA, Goldsboro, NC, and LaSalle, IL, before he returned to Greensboro for a job at WFMY Radio. In 1949, WMFY-TV went on the air and Charlie Harville became the station's first sports anchor.

Harville remained at WFMY until 1963 when WGHP, channel 8 in High Point, hired him away. He was replaced at WFMY-TV by Woody Durham, better known these days as the voice of the University of North Carolina Tar Heels. Charlie left WGHP in 1975, and after 2 years of free-lance sports announcing,

he was rehired by WFMY in 1977 to replace the departing Woody Durham. Charlie retired from full-time reporting and channel 2 in 1988. In 42 years of broadcasting, WFMY had known only two sports directors, both legends in North Carolina, Charlie Harville and Woody Durham.

Now 78, Charlie Harville, shows no signs of slowing down. We are sure that his 9 children and 22 grandchildren will make sure of that. He continues to tape a 4-minute daily interview show for Greensboro Bats baseball games on WKEW-AM. He attends most Bats games at War Memorial Stadium, and he remains an active member of Society of American Baseball Research. His close friend and president of the Greensboro Sports Commission Tom Ward told the Greensboro News & Record that Charlie Harville is a "walking encyclopedia with a photographic mind who can recite batting averages from 1944." Retired News & Record sports editor Irwin Smallwood said that Charlie Harville "was an authentic pioneer in regional television. He set a standard to which others still aspire."

His colleagues share that opinion and that is why he was elected to our State's Sports Hall of Fame. We can think of no better place for Charlie to be except maybe at a baseball game, on the golf course, or at the race track. We always knew that Charlie Harville was an All Star, but we were particularly pleased to learn that now he is a Hall of Famer, too.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we salute Charlie Harville on his induction into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame. To borrow Charlie's signature closing line—"That's the best in sports today."