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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