

Last weekend, the Central Cabarrus High School Softball Team completed a truly amazing season by winning the North Carolina AAA Softball State Championship.

"Central Cabarrus set a record for dominance in a softball championship game" wrote a local newspaper. The Viking won by a score of 14-0 over C.B. Aycock High School. This was the largest margin of victory in the history of NCHSAA Softball Championships. This capped off a perfect 28-0 season for the Vikings. The Tournament's most valuable player was sophomore pitcher Crystal Cox who threw a one-hitter and struck out 12 batters. The game was essentially decided in the first inning, finishing the inning with a score of 7-0. The game concluded after only 5 innings, by the 10-run mercy rule.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the 2000 North Carolina State 3-A Softball Champions, the Central Cabarrus High School Vikings. I would urge all of my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to this outstanding team.

HONORING PALOS VERDES
PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, an outstanding educational institution within my district. The U.S. Department of Education recently recognized Peninsula High as one of the top high schools in the nation.

Peninsula High was one of ten high schools in the nation to receive both the Blue Ribbon Schools Award and New American High Schools Award. This is a tremendous accomplishment. It is a testament to the quality of education in the South Bay.

Peninsula High received the Blue Ribbon School Award for its commitment to strong leadership, high quality of teaching, rigorous curriculum, and parental involvement. 198 middle and secondary schools throughout the nation were recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools. Among the 198 Blue Ribbon winners, ten also received the New American High Schools Award. The New American High Schools initiative recognizes American high schools committed to achieving high academic standards for all students, preparing all students for college, and providing them with opportunities to learn about careers.

I commend Principal Kelly Johnson and the teachers of Palos Verdes Peninsula High School for offering a curriculum that encourages its students to develop exceptional learning habits. This preparation is invaluable for students who pursue a higher education. Congratulations on this much deserved recognition. You have earned it. I wish the students and teachers of Peninsula High continued success. You are an example for the nation.

TRIBUTE TO KATRINA MARIE
DOMJANCIC, ELIZABETH ANN
JACKSON, AND CARRIE COLLEEN
TAYLOR

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Katrina Marie Domijancic, Elizabeth Ann Jackson and Carrie Colleen Taylor for attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award. They are members of the Senior Girl Scout Troop #326 located in Hobart, Indiana, and will receive this honor at a Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony on Sunday, May 28, 2000 at the Hobart Scout Cabin.

A special significance is attached to the title of Girl Scout Gold Award, a significance that accompanies a young woman throughout her life. As she pursues endeavors in higher education, business, industry and community service, she will carry with her the lofty goal of success through leadership. To qualify for the Gold Award, each Girl Scout must fulfill rigorous requirements in the areas of leadership, career interest and service. Upon completing the above requirements, a prospective Gold Award candidate must find and complete a project that meets a need in the community. Katrina, Carrie, and Elizabeth's Gold Award Project involved enhancing the underused areas of the Hobart Scout Cabin to provide more useable space.

Katrina Domijancic is the daughter of John and Rebecca Domijancic of Hobart, Indiana. She has been a Girl Scout for nine years, and has been president of Senior Girl Scout Troop #326 since 1998. As a Senior Girl Scout, she has earned the Senior Leadership Pin, the Senior Career Exploration Pin, and the Senior Challenge Pin. Katrina attained the Gold Award in conjunction with her academic achievements at Hobart High School. She has served as Vice President of the Hobart High School Spanish Club, Captain of the Cheerleading Squad, and a member of the National Honor Society. Katrina will graduate this June from Hobart High School with honors. After graduation, Katrina plans to attend college, and hopes to become a pharmacist.

Elizabeth Jackson is the daughter of Charles and Annette Jackson of Valparaiso, Indiana. Elizabeth is a junior at Boone Grove High School, and has been a Girl Scout for eleven years. As a Senior Girl Scout, she has earned the Senior Leadership Pin, the Senior Career Exploration Pin, and the Senior Challenge Pin. In addition to being a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop #326, she has participated in the Valparaiso University Community Band and the Boone Grove High School Band. She also was a member of the Boone Grove High School Math Team, which placed fifth in the state.

Finally, Carrie Taylor is the daughter of David Taylor and Georgia Cox of Hobart, Indiana. She has been a Girl Scout for all thirteen possible years. As a Cadette Girl Scout, she earned the Girl Scout Silver Award for attempting to bring the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday to the Hobart Public School System. As a Senior Girl Scout, she has earned the Senior Leadership Pin, the Senior Career Exploration Pin, and the Senior Challenge Pin. Carrie will graduate from Hobart High School

in June of this year. She has enlisted in the United States Navy and will begin active duty in August. She will serve in the Atlantic Fleet and be based out of Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Katrina, Elizabeth and Carrie for their commendable achievement. Their parents and their communities can be proud of these young women. It takes a great deal of tenacity and devotion to achieve such an illustrious award. These young ladies have a promising future ahead of them, which will undoubtedly include improving the quality of life in Indiana's First Congressional District.

HONORING JOE WILLIAMS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a concerned, giving and caring man is retiring from public office after many years of serving the people of his communities. Joe Williams is stepping down as President of the City Council of Warren, Ohio. He has already received many awards for his outstanding public service; including the Governor's Award and the Mayor's Award for outstanding civic contributions, the City Council Citation, Honorary Auditor by the State Auditor and Honorary Deputy. He was inducted into the Trumbull (County) African-American Achievers Hall of Fame and has also been honored by the Black Knights Police Association and Who's Who Among Black Americans.

He holds the record for being elected to the City Council for 22 years and has been elected to the Trumbull County Central Committee of the Democratic Party for five terms. He was the first African American to represent the Seventh Ward and the first to become President of the Warren City Council.

Joe was born and raised in Tuskegee, Alabama where he attended the Tuskegee Institute, completing an Associate Degree in Electrical Design. In 1977 the City of Tuskegee proclaimed him Honorary Mayor.

Joe has been an electrician for 34 years at General Motors. He is married to Marilyn Hainesworth Williams and they have two children. Joe Williams is an outstanding example of someone who dedicates his life to his family and his community. He is a public servant who could serve as a role model for all of us. I congratulate him on his many accomplishments and wish him the very best in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO THE TEXAS BAY
AREA AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Texas Bay Area American Cancer Society.

Anyone who has a friend or family member stricken by cancer knows the importance of the American Cancer Society. We have all