

Her ability to communicate the University's agenda and issues, through her remarkable writing ability, translating complex issues to accessible language for internal and external audience, helped advance many projects and initiatives.

Her advocacy of the University has resulted in great gain for UMDNJ, the state of New Jersey, and the health and welfare of our citizenry. She has played instrumental roles in the creation of the Child Health Institute of New Jersey, the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, and in working with us here in Washington to secure critical funding for AIDS/HIV, minority health education, environmental health sciences, infectious disease and tuberculosis research, and to advance the protection of New Jersey from bioterrorism. These are but a few of projects on which I am proud to say I have worked with her and the University. I know that many Members of the New Jersey Delegation have also benefited from and appreciated her assistance.

We join with Evelyn's friends and colleagues at the University in the administration, faculty, and staff who will miss her and wish her the best and happiest years in her retirement.

HONORING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGE KHOURY ASSOCIATION OF BASEBALL LEAGUES

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 65th Anniversary of the George Khoury Association of Baseball Leagues.

The Khoury Leagues have been working since the summer of 1936, when the late George Khoury and his wife Dorothy, organized and sponsored two leagues of youngsters in their neighborhood. The original group consisted of eight teams that played their games on a lot in south St. Louis, Missouri.

What started as a just a neighborhood league, has since grown into a national network of thousands of Khoury League teams extending into many states and several countries. Now in its sixth decade, the Khoury Association is a non-profit, non-denominational organization of affiliated circuits or leagues.

The national office, based in St. Louis, Missouri, provides supplies and materials needed to coordinate and organize local leagues. However, each community that participates elects its own officers and runs their own operations.

There is no financial profit in the Khoury Association, only the profit of clean fun and the character building recreation received by the children who participate. The Khoury League Association was the first to offer an organized program for children five to seven years of age in four age groups. They pioneered the use of baseball diamonds reduced in size for each age group. They also were the first to have post season playoffs for all teams with others of equal standings in their respective leagues. They are older than Little League baseball, the Babe Ruth League, and other organizations which have used the Khoury Association as a model.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 65th Anniversary of the George Khoury Association of Baseball Leagues and to honor the many past, present, and future participants in their programs.

IN MEMORY OF CAWOOD LEDFORD OF HARLAN, KENTUCKY (1926-2001)

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, the people of Kentucky tonight join me in paying our respects to the memory of a truly great American. Cawood Ledford died early this morning in his hometown of Harlan, Kentucky, at the age of 75, after fighting a courageous battle against cancer for several months.

Cawood Ledford was a distinguished veteran, educator, and radio broadcaster who was the voice of the University of Kentucky Wildcats for nearly four decades. His peers and his fans alike recognized his outstanding talent and amazing dedication.

He was born on April 24, 1926, the son of a Harlan coal miner. During World War II he served with the United States Marines and then earned a degree from Centre College in Danville. He returned home to be an English teacher at his alma mater, Hall High School and in 1951 was announcing high school basketball and football games for radio station WHLN in Harlan. Two years later, he joined Lexington radio station WLEX and began calling games for the University of Kentucky. After moving to Louisville in 1956, he continued his affiliation with UK athletics and remained behind the microphone until his retirement following the 1991-92 basketball season.

One hallmark of the broadcasting career of Cawood Ledford was his independence. He never pulled his punches or candy-coated the radio play-by-play. If the Wildcats weren't playing up to expectations, the radio audience would be the first to know.

In an interview with the Associated Press in June of 1991, Cawood Ledford explained that he was always single-minded about his listeners: "I've always felt that in broadcasting your total allegiance is to the person twisting the dial and giving you the courtesy of listening to you. Sports are the greatest drama in the world because no one knows what's going to happen. And it's your job to paint a word picture for the thousands who would love to be there but can't."

Cawood Ledford's broadcasting track followed the amazing arc of the University of Kentucky Wildcats. He was the radio voice for 17 NCAA Final Fours, including UK's 1958 and 1978 national championship seasons. In 1987, he was inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame. UK fans can look to the rafters of Rupp Arena in Lexington and see Cawood Ledford's name on a team jersey. He's one of the few non-players to be recognized in this way.

In addition to his passion for the University of Kentucky, Cawood Ledford is also part of the history of one of Kentucky's greatest sporting events—the Kentucky Derby. He called the Derby more than 15 times for the CBS Radio Network. His call of the 1964 Kentucky Derby, won in the stretch by Northern Dancer, is still

described as one of the great radio broadcasts in the history of American horse racing.

Those broadcasters who were able to understand and tap into the power of the human imagination are now considered the titans of radio's "Golden Age". With the careful turn of a phrase or the emphasis of a single word, their listeners were as instantly transported to another time or another place. Cawood Ledford, who was picked by his peers numerous times as one of the finest sports announcers in the nation, was blessed with the special gift.

Those of us who vividly remember his work will have one special memory. For those brief moments in time when Cawood was on the air, he transported each of us from the mountains and the hollers, the hills and the valleys of Kentucky and put us in the best seat in the house. In our imagination, we would see the plays unfold, feel the drama of the competition and share in the exhilaration of victory or the crushing letdown that accompanied our occasional defeats.

A private service will be held in Harlan on Sunday, and a possible public service is also being planned. True to his enduring commitment, Cawood's family has asked that instead of flowers, contributions be sent to the Cawood Ledford Scholarship Fund at the University of Kentucky.

On behalf of all Kentuckians the world over, Mr. Speaker, please join me tonight in honoring the memory of this truly distinguished American.

SAINT MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary, Help of Christians Church in Pittston, Pennsylvania.

To mark this milestone, Bishop James C. Timlin will serve as principal celebrant of a Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving on Sept. 9, which will be followed by an anniversary banquet and program with the theme "Remembering . . . Rejoicing . . . Renewing." The parish will continue its celebration by participating in a "RENEW 2000 & Beyond" mission on Sept. 12.

The first Catholic church established in Pittston, St. Mary's dates its origins back to a small frame chapel built in 1851 on what was known as Church Hill in Upper Pittston, or the so-called Junction section. The chapel was quite modest. It had no pews, although some families brought movable benches for their own convenience. The street is now appropriately named Chapel Street, with the parish cemetery located near the site.

St. Mary's has been an integral part of the community since its founding. In 1896, the church served as a pillar of strength and a source of comfort during a prominent tragedy. Many of its members lost loved ones when the Susquehanna River bed gave way and rushed into a mine tunnel in what became known as the Twin Shaft Disaster. Thirty-two of the 58