

it fits into the fabric of great sporting events we have witnessed in a lifetime. Unquestionably, it was the greatest sporting event I have ever witnessed and it's bound to have a lasting impression on my son who sat beside me at game seven. The 2001 World Series explained why they play, and why we watch.

The world found out on Sunday night that miracles do happen, they just don't always happen for the New York Yankees. Sunday was the Arizona Diamondbacks chance to be the "Phoenix" rising from the ashes in the ninth inning.

The Yankees three straight dramatic wins in New York supposedly had the Diamondbacks demoralized and beaten. It was only a matter of finishing the series and collecting the rings. But "destiny" and "momentum" only go as far as your last game.

The Diamondbacks showed tremendous talent and heart to overcome the magic of the Yankees comeback wins. The Yankees came to Arizona with seemingly insurmountable momentum. However, it evaporated in Phoenix on Saturday as the New Yorkers and their fans endured a 15-2 drubbing. The stage was now set for one of the most memorable game sevens in baseball history.

The game seven pitching match up of Curt Schilling and Roger Clemens had all the makings of a classic duel. Both had Cy Young Award worthy seasons and they both dominated throughout the post season. On top of that, Schilling attributes his success over the past few years to a "talking to" Clemens gave him. Before the game Schilling said he felt like he was in an essay contest with Hemingway or a "paint-off" versus Picasso.

And then, on Sunday night, after the Yankees took a 2-1 lead late and appeared headed to their fourth straight world title, the Diamondback miracle happened: The Yankees had gotten the seventh game right to where they wanted it, with a one-run lead and the ball in the hands of their phenomenal closer, Mariano Rivera. But Rivera, virtually unhittable at all other times, gave up four hits, two runs, the lead, the game and the series. The Arizona Diamondbacks beat the best to become the best!!!

The Diamondback victory really comes down to the overwhelming desire of great baseball players to reach the pinnacle of their sport. From the first day of spring training, rookie manager Bob Brenly and D-Back players, had a goal of not just getting to the World Series but winning the World Series. They never looked away from it and emerged from a very dark moment until the light of triumph was blinding.

While the entire Diamondback franchise—from owner Jerry Colangelo to third base coach Chris Spier—played a part in their World Series victory, I want to single out two remarkable D-Backs who will go down in history as the most feared one-two pitching punch in baseball. Congratulations Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling for being awarded Co-MVPs of the World Series.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Arizona Diamond Backs and the New York Yankees for treating fans across the country to a thrilling World Series. Two classy teams rose to the top of both leagues this year, and they gave us a World Series for the ages. They gave us the pure entertainment of a great sport played at its highest level and got this country's mind off darker concerns for a couple of weeks.

HONORING EMERGENCY SERVICE WORKERS DURING LOCAL HEROES WEEK

### HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 8, 2001*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, it is particularly fitting, in the wake of the tragic events of September 11th, 2001 and the courageous and selfless acts of heroism by New York's police, firefighters and rescue workers which were witnessed and acclaimed by the world, that we extend our gratitude to police, fire and emergency service workers in all of America's communities. The citizens of Bell County and Copperas Cove, Texas in my congressional district are honoring these public servants, from November 18-24, during the 10th observance of Local Heroes Week.

This expression of appreciation to our local public safety workers for their service to Central Texas, which has grown every year since its inception in 1992, raises funds from area businesses and organizations to endow scholarships at Central Texas College for their immediate families.

As a community, we owe a special thanks to the police officers, fire fighters and emergency workers we honor and our sincere appreciation to those who organize Local Heroes Week. The recent tragedies at the World Trade Center in New York and at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia remind us that every day, in every city and county in the country, these men and women put their lives on the line to protect us from harm.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the Members of the House of Representatives to join me in honoring these local heroes, in Copperas Cove and Bell County, and across the nation. They define the spirit of public service and we are grateful.

COMMENDING DAVID AND META KLEIMAN FOR THEIR CIVIC COMMITMENT

### HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 8, 2001*

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, these are times to especially honor civic commitment of the sort that serves as powerful example to all Americans. Today I am privileged to commend to the nation two distinguished citizens of Indianapolis, Indiana, David and Meta Kleiman, who will be specially honored this evening at the Indianapolis-Israel Dinner of State.

True friends of the city, the Kleimans have lived their lives as models of civic virtue for all to emulate. David has served on many Jewish organizations, including the Jewish Federation of which he was president from 1981-84. He has also served as president of the JCCA, the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, and B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 58.

A leading partner with the law firm Dann, Pecar, Newman & Kleiman, Mr. Kleiman's life has featured even greater commitment to the community at large, including distinguished service as Chairman of United Way, President

of the Indiana Repertory Theater and leadership roles in diverse Indianapolis community organizations of great value to the life of the city.

Meta stands with David in her own commitment to civic virtue. She has served as President of IHC's Sisterhood and has chaired the Federation Women's Division and the Federation's Committee on Aging. Her advocacy for the elderly was marked, as well, by her service as President of Park Regency. On the national stage, Meta has served on the boards of the Association of Reform Zionists of America and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, chairing the Sisterhood's Israel Committee.

The Kleimans have been recognized in their home community with the Mossler Community Service award and the Ivan Chalfie award, important honors in the city of Indianapolis. In addition, Meta has received the L.L. Goodman award and David has been recognized as B'nai B'rith Man of the Year.

Individually and together, the Kleimans' contributions to the United States, to Indiana, to Indianapolis and to Indiana's 10th Congressional District are in the highest tradition of selfless public service. I ask, Mr. Speaker, that you and my colleagues in the People's House join in commending each of the Kleimans for their lives of service, celebrating their civic virtue and commitment.

CONGRATULATING PATSY MILTON

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 8, 2001*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Patsy Milton for receiving a 2001 Common Threads Award. This award is presented to women in agriculture who have made a remarkable contribution to their community through volunteer work and philanthropy.

Patsy Milton has been a passionate advocate for educating others on the importance of agriculture in their lives. Patsy, her husband Rick, and their family raise stone fruit and grapes in the area surrounding Parlier, California. She and her husband are highly involved in the Fresno County Farm Bureau. In the Farm Bureau, Patsy has been the coordinator of the Ag in the Classroom program since its inception in 1987. Her community involvement includes the Reedley Fresh Fruit Festival, Riverview School Parent Teacher Club, Reedley High School Band Boosters, Reedley Drama Club, and Christ Lutheran Church in Reedley. In 1995 she received the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom Volunteer Award.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Patsy Milton for earning a 2001 Common Threads Award. She has shown outstanding involvement, not only in agriculture, but also in strengthening her community. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. Milton a bright future and continued success.