

the Community Luminary Award from DTE Energy Foundation for his exemplary volunteerism.

I.J. Campbell's commitment of service "illuminates" the community and shines as a selfless example for others to follow. A humble yet enthusiastic man, his infectious passion for helping those in need stretches a lifetime of professional and volunteer experience. While working as the chairman of the United Way Community Services' Macomb Advisory Council and administrator for cities Community Development Block Grant Program, he donates his time off to a number of community organizations, including the Hope Network, a housing provider for people with mental disabilities, and the Macomb Homeless Coalition.

I.J.'s sense of obligation to help those in need motivates him to work on programs such as Macomb's Prescription Resource Network, Metro Detroit's Promise, a national movement to provide services to disadvantaged children, and the Macomb County Warming Center. Dedicated to strengthening the fabric of our community, he supports programs that develop the potential of residents, institutions and infrastructures.

In January, 2002, the Archdiocese of Detroit awarded I.J. with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King "Keep the Dream Alive" award for his work with organizations such as Interfaith Center for Racial Injustice and the National Conference for Community and Justice Detroit.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding I.J. Campbell for his efforts to make this world a better place. It is truly fitting that I.J. received the Community Luminary Award, for he serves as a shining example of what a committed community activist can accomplish and a light of hope to all he comes in contact with.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to clarify the reason for my absence from this Chamber on January 27, January 28, February 3, and February 4, 2004. I was at my home in Florida recovering from elbow surgery and, unfortunately, was unable to place votes on those days.

As such, please let the RECORD show that I would have voted as follows:

H. Res. 507: yes
 H. Res. 157: yes
 H.R. 2264: yes
 H.J. Res. 84: yes
 H. Res. 274: yes
 H.R. 3724: yes
 H.R. 3030, final passage: yes; Scott amendment No. 1: no; Scott amendment No. 2: no; Woolsey amendment: no
 H.R. 1385: yes
 H.R. 3493: yes
 S. 610: yes
 S. 1920, final passage: yes; Sensenbrenner amendment: yes; Baldwin substitute: no; motion to recommit: no.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CHRISTINE IRENE MIKROPOULOS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, Christine Irene Mikropoulos has devoted her life to serving others through her membership in the St. John's Episcopal Angels Program and her work with Warren Hospital; and

Whereas, Christine works with elderly patients, bringing her warm and personal touch to these individuals who are spending their time in a hospital setting; and

Whereas, Christine is a committed volunteer with the Guardian Angels program, providing clothing, shoes, books and other essential items to children of military personnel and children whose parents are incarcerated; and

Whereas, Christine has ceaselessly given of herself to others, always placing the interests of those in need ahead of her own;

Therefore, I join with the entire 18th Congressional District in thanking Christine Irene Mikropoulos for her dedication to improving the lives of those around her.

TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL "SOX" WALSETH, JR.

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the legacy after the passing of a good man and fine coach, Russell "Sox" Walseth, Jr. "Sox" was a member of the University of Colorado family as a student, athlete and coach. With the university "Sox" coached both the men's and women's basketball. He holds the distinction of the winningest coach in CU men's basketball history but also holds the highest winning percentage of any coach in the history of the University of Colorado.

His contribution to the University and the community was great and he will clearly be missed by family, friends and fans.

For the information of our colleagues, I am attaching several items from the (Boulder, Colorado) Daily Camera.

[From the Daily Camera, Jan. 29, 2004]

RUSSELL M. "SOX" WALSETH, JR.

Russell M. "Sox" Walseth, Jr. of Boulder died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, of natural causes in Boulder. He was 77.

The son of Russell M. Walseth and Marie J. Gehan Walseth, he was born April 6, 1926, in Aberdeen, S.D. He married Eleanor Hahn on Oct. 9, 1953, in Denver. She died on Oct. 6, 1997. He married Joan Mabee Funk on July 19, 2002 in Boulder.

He graduated from Pierre High School in Pierre, S.D. He earned a bachelor of science degree and a master's degree in education from the University of Colorado.

He was enlisted in the Navy during and after World War II from 1944 to 1946.

Mr. Walseth spent 38 years at CU, starting as an athlete in the 1940s when he lettered a combined six times in both basketball and baseball.

He became head men's basketball coach prior to the 1956-57 season and coached the

next 20 Buffalo teams. The winningest coach in CU men's basketball history with a 261-245 record, the Buffs won three Big Eight titles under his direction, in 1961-62, 1962-63 and 1968-69. He was the Big Eight Conference coach of the year on five occasions. All three of his Big Eight champion teams represented the conference in the NCAA regional tournaments. Eventual NCAA champion Cincinnati eliminated the Buffs in the first two appearances, while his third tourney team may have represented his best coaching job in his tenure as he piloted a sophomore-dominated team to the league title and NCAA berth.

He retired from coaching in the spring of 1976 and remained on in an administrative position with the athletic department. But four years later in 1980, and CU hit with budget woes, athletic director Eddie Crowder asked him if he would come out of retirement to help the program to which he had devoted much of his adult life. Sox answered that call and coached the CU women's team between 1980 and 1983, compiling an impressive 77-21 record. That mark included his 43-0 record at home, and earned coach of the year accolades one time.

Mr. Walseth was the first and one of the few men to have coached both the men's and women's programs at the same NCAA school. The basketball floor at Coors Events/Conference Center is named after him. In 1998, he was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, and four years later, he was a member for the fourth class inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was a member of Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Boulder. He received five Basketball Hall of Fame Awards, two from Colorado and three from South Dakota. He was also the recipient of the Robert Stearns Award on June 8, 1967.

Survivors include his wife of Boulder; two sons, Joe Walseth of Denver and Nick Walseth of Boulder; one daughter, Cynthia Axley of Arvada; and four grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 2312 14th St., Boulder. The Rev. Daniel Flaherty of St. Louis Catholic Church of Louisville and the Rev. William E. Dreslin of Sacred Heart of Jesus will be co-celebrants.

Contributions may be made in his name to the CU Foundation, in care of Russell "Sox" Walseth Scholarship Fund, 369 University Campus Box, Boulder, CO 80309.

M.P. Murphy & Associates Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Following are highlights of Russell "Sox" Walseth's career:

Played on CU's 1946 NCAA Tournament basketball team.

Coached three Big Eight championship men's teams.

Took three Buff men's teams to the NCAA Tournament.

Named Big Eight coach of the year on five occasions.

Retired after 20 years as the winningest coach in CU men's history, with a record of 261-245.

Named CU's women's coach in 1980, becoming the first to coach men's and women's teams at the same NCAA school.

Took the CU women's team to back-to-back national tournament appearances.

Compiled a 77-21 record as the women's coach, the best winning percentage of any coach in CU history.

Basketball floor at Coors Events Center named in his honor in 1996.

Inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.

Inducted into the University of Colorado Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

CREEDON: MEMORIES OF SOX WON'T SOON
FADE

I count Sox Walseth among lifelong friends.

From the days a wide-eyed, 7-year-old in northern New Jersey squinted into an old Dumont black-and-white television set in a neighbor's home and instantly adopted a sophomore guard they called Sox as his first University of Colorado sports star.

The Buffaloes were making their annual New York City visit and were paired against New York University in a doubleheader at Madison Square Garden, truly the Mecca of college basketball in those days. CU had a basketball name then. The Buffs had played—and played well—earlier in the 1940s in the National Invitation Tournament, the nation's oldest and then most prestigious postseason event.

Sox scored 20 that night and hooked this future Boulderite on CU hoops.

Later, for 20 years, first as a student and then as CU beat writer and Camera sports editor, I had the enjoyment of following Sox's team and getting to know one of the shrewdest, classiest and humorous coaches.

The tributes gathered Wednesday by CU media relations boss Dave Plati only hours after cancer claimed Sox's life all ring true.

But please don't forget the silver-haired Sox deserves to be remembered as a great coach, too. As the years pass by, we realize just how great.

Sox won three Big Eight championships ('62, '63 and '69). You don't have to be reminded the Buffs haven't won a title since Walseth's last title year. His first two championship teams lost to national champ Cincinnati in the regional finals. CUers don't even speak of winning championships in men's hoops in setting lofty goals for the basketball program these days. Sox was also around, as Bebe Lee's assistant, when the talented was gathered for CU's Big Seven championship teams of '54 and '55.

In other words, Sox didn't miss much of three decades of glory for Buff hoops dating from an NIT appearance in 1938 until the Big Eight title garnered by Cliff Meely, Gordie Tope, Mike Coleman, Dudley Mitchell, Tim Wedgeworth and friends in '69.

Sox didn't win against run-of-the-mill opponents or coaches. He broke in here against Kansas and Wilt Chamberlain and Tex Winter-led Kansas State squads that limited the "Stilt" to just one crown. Later on, he matched wits with the legendary Henry Iba of Oklahoma State and Norm Stewart in his early years at Missouri.

And he challenged top-flight non-league opposition, too.

Superstars weren't Sox's specialty, but there were few players who stayed the course at old Balch Fieldhouse who didn't make eye-catching improvement.

Sox was a low-key recruiter. A big night out on the town for a visiting recruit was dinner at John's Pied Piper, a trolley car-sized diner across the street from the Sink on Pennsylvania.

But Walseth's pitch was good enough to land the likes of Wilky Gilmore and Jim Davis, key hands on the early clubs, from basketball hotbeds of Connecticut and Indiana. And good enough to bring to Boulder one summer Brooklyn's Connie Hawkins, the Dr. J. of his era. Off-the-court problems involving the Hawk's brother precluded his enrollment

The Meely-Tope-Mitchell-Coleman-Wedgeworth group stacked up with any in the nation, and also included 7-3 Ron Smith of Pueblo, who lasted only one varsity se-

mester but contributed to the '69 title. His CU squads understood the team concept and always made the extra pass leading to the best possible shot.

His title teams had plenty of in-state players, debunking the still-held theory you can't win with local talent—All-American Ken Charlton and Eric Lee from Denver South and Milt Mueller from Cheyenne Wells in '62-'63, then Mitchell (Thomas Jefferson), Wedgeworth (Manual) and Smith (Pueblo Centennial) in '69. Sox's great coaching job may have come with a non-title team—the aptly named "Deliberate Dwarfs" of 1966-'67.

They finished 10-4 in the Big Eight and played Kansas in what amounted to the title game in early March in Lawrence. It was a guard-oriented bunch (in-staters Lynn Baker, Pat Frink, Mike Rebich, Chuck Williams and Karl Tait), with Kermit McMurry (6-8), Steve Rowe (6-6) and Bobby Bauers (6-5) the only inside players. With three starters on the bench with injuries in mid-January, the '66-'67 Buffs upset Kansas, 62-59, at Balch in one of the school's biggest upsets.

Sox's teams won many key games on the road, but the then-maniacal crowds at Balch made the home games in the early and mid-1960s as good a show as this state had athletically.

Sox didn't get much use out of his suit jacket on many nights, with his coat often flying into the stands after the first disturbing call.

Around the Big Eight, his self-deprecating humor was a huge hit and an asset in leading opponents to underestimate his teams.

Two years ago at the CU Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, Sox, the last of six inductees on a night which was, let us say, dragging, brought down the house with 20 minutes of one-liners, mostly poking fun at himself. It was worthy of a Las Vegas act. Jay and David would have been jealous at the laughs he drew.

Sox, of course, did more than coach the men's basketball team at CU. As an undergrad, he was an outstanding shortstop for three years, good enough to earn a pro baseball contract.

Four years after leaving the men's team, he returned to coach the Lady Buffs, enjoying a wildly successful four-year run that included 43 straight home wins in one span.

To this day, the players from the Lady Buff days worship Sox in the same way the ex-Buffs do.

This is a difficult day for Lisa, (Van Goor), "Beaner" (Sandy Bean), Bomber (Bauers), "Bake," Chuck and hundreds of others in his extended family.

But the memories of the days under one of the game's great teachers will never fade.

WOELK: CU NOTCHES A VICTORY FOR SOX

No doubt about it, Sox would've liked this one.

A raucous crowd, the Colorado Buffaloes on the run and the Missouri Tigers on the ropes.

Certainly, Wednesday night's 83-70 Buff victory was a fitting tribute to Sox Walseth, who died Wednesday morning after a long battle with cancer.

CU coach Ricardo Patton and Walseth had developed a close relationship over the years. Walseth never pushed himself on the program, but was always there when Patton needed a little advice, or simply a friendly word of support. As Patton's time on the job grew, so did his friendship with Walseth.

So Wednesday night, Patton did what he could to return the favor. As the Buffaloes were celebrating their win, Patton took the public address system microphone, quieted the crowd and the band, and awarded the game ball to Walseth's wife, Joan.

"We lost a great treasure today," Patton told the hushed crowd. "Sox Walseth meant a lot to this team, this program, this university and this state."

Maybe it's just coincidence, but at his post-game press conference, Patton talked about establishing a better relationship with his players—something that was always a strong point of Walseth's.

The issue came to a head following the Buffs' blowout loss at Kansas on Sunday. After the game, they sat at the Kansas City airport for nearly four hours, waiting for weather to clear in Denver so their plane could take off.

The Buffs took the time for a heart-to-heart talk—and Patton listened.

"Those guys helped me become a better coach," Patton said. "I thanked them after the game. "Sometimes you have to listen to the kids. Win, lose or draw, the players have to feel like the coaches are behind you."

The Buffs were certainly a different team on Wednesday.

Instead of the disjointed bunch that fell apart in a matter of minutes at Kansas, they were a cohesive unit that pounded the Tigers into submission.

Not that the Tigers didn't put up a fight for a half. For the first 20 minutes, Mizzou answered every Colorado thrust. A 12-7 CU lead became a 12-12 tie. A 23-14 Buff lead became a 23-23 tie.

At the half, CU was clinging to a four-point lead, and there was certainly no guarantee that Patton's bunch would protect that edge over the last 20 minutes.

But Patton has also taken to heart another page from Walseth's book—protecting the home court. Nobody knew the importance of that more than Walseth. His teams were always tough in Boulder—and at the Events Center, he was a perfect 43-0 as coach of the CU women's team.

It was just over a year ago that Walseth told the Daily Camera, "Everybody's on Ricardo's rear end, but not me. . . . I'd hate to play him in Boulder, I'll tell you that."

You can add Mizzou's Quin Snyder to that group. While Snyder's Tigers struggled in the second half, the Buffs turned it up another notch. Eight minutes in, Colorado had bumped its lead to 13. Four minutes later, the margin was 19. And, although the Tigers attempted to make it semi-interesting down the stretch, the outcome was never in doubt over the last 10 minutes.

"Sox is smiling," said CU senior associate athletic director Jon Burianek, a 37-year veteran of the Buff athletic department. "He always really enjoyed beating Missouri."

Wednesday's game was a crossroads for the Buffs. A loss could have sent them spiraling downward, eliminating any hope of an NCAA Tournament berth.

But today, they're sitting at .500 in the Big 12 with Baylor coming to town on Saturday. There's renewed hope in the Buff locker room, and a new understanding between the coach and players.

Long after the game had ended Wednesday night, Patton fought back tears as he talked about Walseth. The Buffs, he said, won a game and lost a friend.

"I'm gonna miss him," Patton said.

A sentiment echoed by folks all over the Boulder Valley this morning.

But, you can also bet on one thing: Sox would have liked this one.

[From the Daily Camera, Jan. 30, 2004]

R.I.P. Sox

You didn't always have to go begging for a crowd to watch a college basketball game in Boulder, and a lot of people think Russell "Sox" Walseth had something to do with that.

When the University of Colorado Buffaloes men's basketball team played in creaky, sweat-spiced Balch Fieldhouse, raucous silver-and-gold partisans routinely turned out, and longtime coach Walseth's scrappy squads seldom disappointed.

Under Walseth from 1956 to 1976, the CU men's squads captured three conference titles—including their last, in 1969—and three NCAA invitations in an era when they were much harder to come by.

And from 1980-83, he coached the CU women, winning two conference championships and orchestrating an astounding 43-game home-court winning streak.

But what's most impressive was that he did it all with plenty of home-grown talent. Few players under his tutelage failed to improve.

Personally, he was beloved by many who knew him from as far back as his playing days for the Buffs in the 1940s. He was blunt, friendly and colorful, and his friends have literally hundreds of tales to tell about him. Sox Walseth died Wednesday of cancer at home in Boulder. He was 77.

NASA'S MARS ROVER AND SPACE EXPLORATION

HON. LAMAR S. SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, few scientists write as well as Seth Shostak, senior astronomer at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California. This column he wrote about the Mars rover for the San Jose Mercury News offers compelling arguments for pursuing scientific discoveries and exploring space.

[From the San Jose Mercury News, Jan. 7, 2004]

GEOLOGIST ON WHEELS TAKES HUMAN CURIOSITY TO MARS

OUR DRIVE TO EXPLORE LEADS TO BETTER LIVES
(By Seth Shostak)

One hundred million miles away, the mechanical innards of NASA's Spirit rover have begun to hum in the brittle cold of the Martian air. The rover is a synthetic geologist on wheels, small enough to fit in your kitchen, and the space agency is reveling in the fact that Spirit has managed to elude the silent death that has claimed so many of humankind's envoys to the Red Planet.

The boost to NASA's confidence, badly eroded by the loss of the shuttle Columbia, is surely a good thing. If Spirit and its sister rover, Opportunity, perform well, the Bush administration may support a major new space initiative, perhaps a return to the moon or a human expedition to Mars.

Those would also be good things, but such judgments, coming, from a scientist, may seem obvious and self-serving. American taxpayers will rightfully ask why it's important to shell out \$800 million to send a pair of cybernetic skateboards to another world.

MARTIAN CHARISMA

One answer is the interest and value of the science. For two centuries, Mars has beguiled us with its Earth-like appearance. Venus is closer, but Mars is charismatic; it is sufficiently similar to our own planet to warrant the hope that it once spawned life. And the possibility of discovering life beyond Earth is a siren song to anyone with curiosity, even if, as is surely the case for Mars, that life is no more sophisticated than bread yeast.

NASA's approach to learning whether microbes ever populated the Red Planet is to look for signs of ancient lakes, rivers or oceans. Spirit will explore a flat-bottomed crater that may once have held a body of water half the size of Lake Erie. Its mission is to find evidence for this erstwhile lake by examining the rocks littering the crater floor.

SIGNS OF LIFE?

If Spirit discovers that water once ebbed and flowed on Mars, the next questions are: For how long? Long enough to germinate life? NASA will send a string of robot explorers to address this question, and to ultimately seek out microscopic Martians. The carrot that hangs before us is deliciously seductive: If another world—the next world out from the sun—is proved to have supported life, that would imply that the cosmos is drenched with living things. We could conclude that planets with life are as common as phone poles.

That's the science, and it's exciting. But science is no more than curiosity imbued with logic. Surely, in a world awash in political upheaval, epidemics and poverty, curiosity is a dispensable luxury.

It's not. Curiosity is hard-wired into our behavior because it has survival value. For 300 millenniums, it has driven us to exploration and understanding. The former has encouraged the discovery of new resources, and the latter allows us a comfortable life in a pitiless world.

Curiosity is the silent motor of progress, without which we are condemned to a steadily worsening existence as we burn through our resources.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Humans display many behaviors that separate us from the beasts. Art, music, poetry . . . the list is easily formulated. Curiosity, neither incidental nor trivial, is on that list. In simpler times, it drove our ancestors to wander across the mountains and, on occasion, to find a valley that was better than where they started. Today, scientific curiosity turns up answers to questions that previous generations could barely ask.

The Spirit rover is a small actor in a long play with a large cast. It is aptly named, for it represents not only the best of our enterprises, but also an essential quality of our being. Spirit is mechanical in construction only. It is quintessentially human.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARGARET AND STAN PLANTON

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Margaret and Stan Planton have provided years of dedication to improving their community, including Margaret's service as the Mayor of Chillicothe; and

Whereas, Margaret and Stan Planton, along with members of their community, arranged a letter-writing campaign to help convince United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) to build its uranium centrifuge plant in Piketon, Ohio; and

Whereas, Stan Planton worked tirelessly to gather information about USEC's plans and convey the information to Members of Congress and other legislators; and

Whereas, on January 12th, 2004, Piketon, Ohio, was selected as the site for USEC's

centrifuge plant, bringing an estimated 500 permanent high-paying jobs into the area; and Whereas, Margaret and Stan Planton were an integral part in Southern Ohio being chosen as the site for USEC's plant;

Therefore, I join with Members of Congress and the entire Eighteenth Congressional District of Ohio in thanking Margaret and Stan Planton for their dedication to this project and their continued efforts to improve their community.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE SERVICE OF SHARON VIGIL

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge an important leader in the business community of Colorado. Ms. Sharon Vigil, president and chief operating officer of the Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, will be leaving her post after 14 years of service.

Established in 1978, the Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has proven to be an outstanding member of the Colorado business community. Whether through influencing legislation, providing technical assistance to Hispanic businesses and professional associations, or strengthening the network of Colorado businesses as a whole, the Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has been an exceptionally effective organization.

Sharon Vigil was born in Walsenburg and raised in Pueblo, later attending school in Boulder at the University of Colorado. As an active member of the civil rights movement during the 1970s, she developed an early reputation as a leading voice in support of equal opportunity for minorities and women in business. She has a long history of exceptional and diversified management skills and is well-regarded for her experience in the fields of marketing and public relations. But above all, she is a motivated woman who uses both her mind and heart in working for the Hispanic community.

In the early 1990s Ms. Vigil brought her considerable skills to the Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, becoming President and Chief Operating Officer in 1995. Under her guidance, membership grew to more than 1,300, elevating the Chamber's success and positioning the organization as the largest and most influential minority chamber in the state.

I met Ms. Vigil early in my career as a legislator and was immediately impressed by the enthusiasm she brought to the job of promoting economic opportunities in the Hispanic community. One of my fondest recollections of her is the pride and joy she had in showing me the Hispanic Chamber's facility in Denver. She walked me through several floors of offices and made sure I met and spoke to all the vendors and officers.

As a dedicated leader, Ms. Vigil has diligently worked to assist countless Hispanic business owners throughout Colorado and the Denver Metropolitan area. It is that admirable and distinguished service that motivates me to acknowledge this remarkable community leader.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Sharon Vigil and in wishing