

I encourage all Americans to participate in the Physical Fitness and Sports Month by developing a daily physical activity routine.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS CLIFTON,
CHIEF OF POLICE, BOROUGH OF
TOTOWA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Thomas Clifton, chief of police for the Borough of Totowa in New Jersey, who has retired after 39 years of service to the community.

Chief Clifton is a dedicated officer who has served Totowa well throughout the years and is respected by his peers throughout the State as an outstanding law enforcement official.

Thomas Clifton rose through the ranks of the police department. In 1980, he became deputy chief of police of the detective bureau and held this challenging post for 10 years. In March 1990, Thomas Clifton was promoted to the rank of chief and has served in that capacity with distinction.

In 1993, Chief Clifton was instrumental in renovating the borough's headquarters, purchasing a new communications system, and in computerizing the department's records. Under his leadership, the department has been readied for the 21st century and made law enforcement in Totowa smarter and more efficient.

Chief Clifton has been a vital and effective force in the growth of law enforcement not only in Totowa, but in the entire area. His innovation and leadership will set the standard throughout the Totowa Police Department for years to come. We are grateful as a community for Chief Clifton's lifelong dedication to insuring our safety and the security of the Borough of Totowa.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Chief Clifton's family and friends, the Totowa Police Department, and the Borough of Totowa in recognizing the 39 years of outstanding service to public safety of Chief Thomas Clifton and wishing him continued health and happiness in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE CROATIAN SONS
LODGE NO. 170

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge No. 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the festive occasion of its 90th anniversary and golden member banquet on Sunday, June 1, 1997.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold this gala event at the beautifully renovated Croatian Center in Merrillville, IN. Traditionally, the anniversary celebration entails a formal recognition of the union's golden members, those who have achieved 50 years of membership. Honorees who have pledged their allegiance for 50 years include: Frank

Boskovich, Mary D. Cost, Olga J. Curley, Lillian Damjanovich, Violet Evans, Eleanor Fischer, Adolph Kurpis, Joseph J. Labas, Annebelle Mazlack, Robert D. Medved, Henry Mikulich, Elizabeth Morgavan, Helen Mrak, Vincent R. Mrzlak, Rosemary Muick, Mary Pastuovic, Mary Pintar, Frances Sasak, Abert P. Seibal, Frederick J. Simunic, Donald R. Starkey, Jack Tomlin, and Marion A. Youngerman.

These loyal and dedicated individuals share this prestigious honor with approximately 280 additional lodge members who have attained this status.

This memorable day will begin with a mass at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Gary, IN, which will be officiated by the Reverend Father Benedict Benakovich. Following dinner, there will be a program featuring guest speaker, Mr. Bernard M. Luketich, national president of the Croatian Fraternal Union. The festivities will be culturally enriched by the performance of several Croatian entertainment groups. The Croatian Glee Club, "Preradovic," directed by Brother Dennis Barunica, and the Hoosier Hrvati Adult Tamburitza Orchestra, directed by Ed Sinndicich, will both perform at the anniversary celebration. The Croatian Strings and Junior Dancers, and the Adult Kolo Group, under the direction of Elizabeth Kyriakides, will provide additional entertainment for those in attendance.

I am proud to commend lodge president, Betty Morgavan, and all the other members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge No. 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed hope and prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

THE 12TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO
THE PASSAIC SEMI-PRO BASE-
BALL LEAGUE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the Passaic Semi-Pro Baseball League, as they celebrate their 12th annual salute to Passaic semi-pro baseball reunion dinner, in honor of the baseball greats who left behind a legacy of greatness and fond memories in the sport of baseball.

This year's event is truly a special occasion as the careers of four great men are highlighted in recognition of their outstanding and invaluable contributions they have made not only to the Passaic Semi-Pro Baseball League, but also to themselves, their family, and friends, and their teammates. The distinguished group of honorees includes Al Ianuzzi, Emil Majka, John Kopec, Jr., and Ed Szerencsits. Although a tribute to the Passaic Semi-Pro Baseball League, I feel that is only fitting and proper that the careers of these four gentlemen are equally recognized for their proud accomplishments.

Al Ianuzzi, born 1923, began his distinguished baseball career when he played varsity baseball at East Rutherford High School as a first baseman. In his senior year, Al's contributions helped lead the Wildcats to the group 2 State championship and earned him a place on the Passaic Valley Conference All-

Star Team. He continued to play even when in the U.S. Army, and after he was discharged, Al played semi-pro baseball with great area teams, such as the Carlstadt Cubs and the Carlstadt Pros. He finished his outstanding career with the Passaic Demuro Comets.

Emil Majka, born 1926, began his distinguished baseball career when, as a young teenager, he played for several years with the Passaic Industrials. A well-rounded player, Emil served the Industrials as a second- and third-baseman, and also at shortstop. He also played second base with the Holy Rosary St. Stan's in the Clifton Recreational League, eventually helping the team to a first-place finish. Later, Emil played Legion baseball, playing third base for Passaic Memorial Post No. 200 and batting over .400. An integral part of the team, he contributed significantly to the Post's Legion championship and played an outstanding game in the State championship in Trenton where he batted over .500. During this time, he also played shortstop for the All-Passaics. Upon entering service with the U.S. Air Force in 1944, Emil played third-base with his squadron's softball team and after being discharged, played third-base for the Okonite Co. of Passaic, of which he was also an employee. Emil is currently retired and lives in Garfield with his wife Anne, and has two sons.

John Kopec, Jr., born 1931, began his distinguished baseball career early on, playing at Pulaski Park—South Field, mostly with the Bisons. He also played shortstop for the American Legion Rosoc-Duc Post No. 359 and the Passaic High School Indians as a second-baseman. John's superb playing contributed to the Indians 1948 Valley Conference co-championship and their 1949 championship. In 1949, John made first-team All-Valley Conference as a second-baseman. His semi-pro activities include stints with the Bisons, the Maple Leafs, the Comets, and the Clifton Dodgers.

Ed Szerencsits, born 1937, began his distinguished baseball career as a pitcher at Pope Pius XII High School in Passaic from 1953 to 1955. He went undefeated in high school and led the team to the parochial group B north Jersey sectional championship. During this time, Ed made first- and second-team all-State for private schools. His semi-pro career began in 1955 playing for teams such as the Demuro Comets, under Ted Lublanecki, the Granatell Indians, under Milt Stein, and the Clifton Dodgers, under Ray Mastrobert. Ed also had pitched for Seton Hall University under coach Ownie Carroll, taking the Pirates to the metropolitan collegiate baseball title in 1959. He was 22d in the Nation E.R.A. in 1958 and 10th in the Nation E.R.A. in 1959. In 1959, Ed was signed to a professional contract with the Milwaukee Braves by Honey Russell and the current manager of the New York Yankees, Joe Torre but was released by current Chicago White Sox manager, Roland Hemond, after spring training.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Al's, Emil's, John's and Ed's family and friends, and the people of north Jersey in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable contributions to the sport of baseball, made by these four gentlemen, during the 12th annual salute to the Passaic Semi-Pro Baseball League.