

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.