



House of Representatives

HONORING ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND THE INDY SPORTS FOUNDATION

*The Honorable André Carson
of Indiana*

Mr. Carson: Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, I would like to honor the Indy Sports Foundation for their continued dedication in civic engagement and preservation of the rich Irish heritage in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Indy Sports Foundation has done an excellent job of hosting the Annual Indianapolis St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration along with the Annual Shamrock Run/Walk. With nearly 2,000 participants and over 20,000 spectators, the Indy Sports Foundation celebrates the vibrant Irish culture and Irish contributions to American society.

For the past 25 years, the Indy Sports Foundation has played an invaluable role in our community to promote athletics and youth engagement. They have sponsored events such as the Special Olympic Camps, summer programs for disabled children and provided mentorship for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Each year, the Indy Sports Foundation recognizes an outstanding individual who's dynamic and selfless contributions have impacted the public good. I would like to congratulate Pat Cronin, the first female to be named "Indianapolis Irish Citizen of the Year." I thank her for her service to the Irish community and her ceaseless efforts to advance the philanthropic mission of the Indy Sports Foundation.

I urge my colleagues to join me this St. Patrick's Day in recognizing the Indy Sports Foundation for their ongoing involvement in the Greater Indianapolis community.