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McIntyre To Kick-Off Congressional Youth Sports Caucus

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre will hold a press conference on Thursday, April 27, in the U.S. Capitol to kick-off the Congressional Youth Sports Caucus. This event will be held at 1:30 in Room HC-7 of the Capitol.

As Co-Chairman of this new caucus, Congressman McIntyre stated, "All across our nation, youth spring sports are in full swing, and it is critical that we unite to support the positive character development of our youth. This Congressional Youth Sports Caucus will work in a bi-partisan fashion to promote the values of sportsmanship, civility, respect, health, safety, fun and fitness among the players and leaders, including coaches, parents, and officials. Nothing is more important to our future than our youth, and this caucus will work with all to help restore a child centered focus in youth sports.

McIntyre continued, "Additionally, I want to thank Positive Coaching Alliance, Citizenship Through Sports Alliance, and the National Recreation and Park Association for their commitment and work toward this event and caucus. They are true leaders in the effort to improve youth sports."

Last November, McIntyre joined the Citizenship Through Sports Alliance (CTSA) in releasing the first -ever National Youth Sports Report Card. CTSA's report card included 2 Ds, one in the category of "Parental Behavior/Involvement" and one in the area of "Child-Centered Philosophy," which focuses on the child's perspective of the experience. The panel also issued a C- for the "Coaching" category, a C+ in the area of "Health and Safety" and a B- in "Officiating. After reviewing the report, McIntyre created the Congressional Youth Sports Caucus to help work to improve these grades.

Scheduled to join McIntyre at this kick-off event will be Ruthie Bolton, 2 time Olympic Gold Medal winner and former WNBA All-Star with the Sacramento Monarchs, Jim Thompson with the Positive Coaching Alliance, Ted Breidenthal with CTSA, Kathy Spangler with the National Recreation and Park Association, and Al Harden from the Howard County, Maryland, Recreation and Parks Department.