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# Rudolph Giuliani to Receive Little League's Highest Honor

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (Jan. 14, 2002) – He has already received an honorary knighthood. Now, former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani will have another title, as an enshrinee of the Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum Hall of Excellence.

Mr. Giuliani joins a long list of respected and admired people who have played Little League and have advanced to the top of their professions. Previous enshrinees from the world of politics have included U.S. President George W. Bush, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, and former Vice President Dan Quayle. Enshrinees from other professions include actor Kevin Costner, astronaut Story Musgrave, singer Bruce Springsteen, columnist/author George Will, and several Baseball Hall of Fame inductees. Also to be enshrined this year is Michael Cammarata of Staten Island, N.Y., a New York City firefighter who is still listed as missing in the World Trade Center. Mr. Cammarata played in the 1991 Little League Baseball World Series for the South Shore Little League team of Staten Island.

"I am honored to be selected to be a member of the Hall of Excellence, along with a great hero like Michael Cammarata," Mr. Giuliani said. "It's also an honor to be selected by an organization like Little League Baseball, which cultivates a game I loved playing as a child."

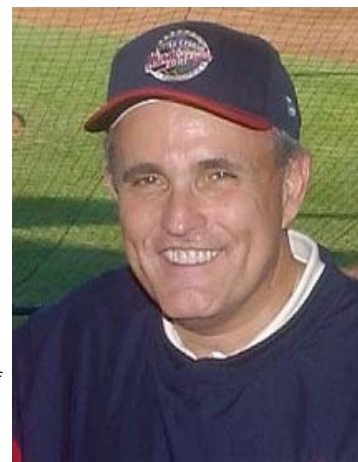
Enshrinement will take place during the 56th Little League Baseball World Series, Aug. 16-25, 2002, in Williamsport.

"Enshrinement in the Hall of Excellence signifies that a former Little Leaguer has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in their chosen profession and exemplifies the values learned as children in Little League Baseball," Stephen D. Keener, president and chief executive officer of Little League Baseball, said. "One of the values taught in Little League is leadership, and the leadership shown by Mayor Giuliani in the crisis following the attacks on our country was precisely what New York and our country needed."

Mr. Giuliani was born in Brooklyn and played in the Garden City South Little League in Long Island. He graduated from Manhattan College and earned a law degree from New York University Law School. He became U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and in 1993 was elected to the first of two four-year terms as mayor of New York City. Barred from re-election in 2001 by statute, Mr. Giuliani, an avid baseball fan, is now a private citizen.

But it was the way Mr. Giuliani ended his second term in office that made "Mayor Giuliani" a household phrase nationwide. After the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Rudolph Giuliani was seemingly everywhere he needed to be for New York City. At New York City's darkest moment since British troops occupied parts of it during the American Revolution, Rudolph Giuliani was there to keep the city's residents focused on remembrance and recovery.

Mr. Giuliani plans to attend the Little League Baseball World Series to be formally enshrined.



*Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, center, attended the 2001 Little League World Series for the United States Championship Game between Rolando Paulino Little League and Apopka, Fla., National Little League.*

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