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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Roger Hickey *R. Hickey*
RE: **TRIBUTE TO BRUCE C. LADD, JR.**
DATE: March 15, 2000

As you probably know, April 5th is the last biennial luncheon of the Emil Verban Memorial Society in Washington, D.C. In the future, we will have smaller events at the friendly confines of Wrigley Field. This strikes me as a unique opportunity to appropriately honor the Society's fearless leader and historian, Bruce C. Ladd, Jr.

No professional sports team can boast a Society of such esteemed individuals who all share a common love for a great franchise, beautiful ballpark, and related memories, camaraderie and friendship. No team or Society has a more dedicated, supportive, and unpaid booster as Mr. Ladd. As Chairman of this year's luncheon, I propose that we recognize these facts.

The recipients of this memorandum are all illustrious Society supporters and part of the Bruce Ladd story. Our plan is to present Bruce during the lunch with a lifetime achievement award, signed by each of you. Please sign the attached page, above the line and inside the box. Your signature will be attached to a large citation with the following language. The citation will be mounted

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with wide borders and all Society members in attendance will have the chance to sign it on the way out of the luncheon.

If I may further impose on each of you, in addition to the signature page, please send me a letter nominating Bruce for the Society's lifetime achievement award that expresses your love of the Cubs and their ballpark and your appreciation of the Society and its leader.

Please let me know if you can participate by calling me at (312) 251-5910 or by email at hickey@chipar.com. Also, please keep this a surprise.

Thank you in advance for your support. Let's play two!!!

The Emil Verban Memorial Society

(Washington, D.C. Chapter)

Presents its first and only

Lifetime Achievement Award

To its Founder and Historian

Bruce C. Ladd, Jr., (#1)

Whereas the members of this Society all share a common love for the city of Chicago, its people, history and traditions,

Whereas the members of this Society all thoroughly understand why the game of baseball is and will remain America's favorite pastime,

Whereas the members of this Society all fondly remember afternoons in Wrigley Field among their most cherished memories shared with family and friends,

Whereas the members of this Society all share a commitment that their grandchildren and grandchildren's grandchildren will be able to share these same experiences only available at the Friendly Confines,

Whereas the members of this Society all share the deepest sense of loyalty to our beloved Cubs and the dream best expressed by member #144, Ronald Reagan, that the Cubs will one day soon bring happiness to Chicago in October,

Whereas the members of this Society recognize that no sports team can boast a Society of such esteemed and perpetually youthful individuals who all share such common principles,

Whereas no professional sports team or Society has a more dedicated, supportive, and unpaid booster as our Historian,

We, the members of the Emil Verban Memorial Society, hereby recognize these facts in appreciation of the unique dedication and accomplishment of its Historian, roster #1, Bruce C. Ladd, Jr.

The EVMS Life-time Achievement Award Nominating Committee: