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River Cats Announce 2007 Puglia Award Winners

West Sacramento, Calif. -- The Sacramento River Cats today announced the winners of the eighth-annual Robert K. Puglia Awards, presented to the high school baseball and softball players in the Sacramento region that best exemplify the characteristics of a winner.

The awards will be presented tonight during a pre-game ceremony at Raley Field. This year's recipients in softball were Britney Ceo (Bear River HS), Jenna Fong (McClatchy HS) and Andrea Argee (Mira Loma HS). The winners in baseball were Tyler Waldron (Golden Sierra HS), Brock Stassi (Yuba City HS) and David Freitas (Elk Grove HS). All of tonight's winners were recognized for their efforts, and a donation will be made to their high schools' baseball and softball teams in their names from the River Cats.

A board of qualified individuals chose the winners based on their play, leadership, sportsmanship and academic efforts. The selection committee for this year's Puglia Awards consisted of the following individuals from the Sacramento community: Mark McDermott (Sacramento Bee), Pat Gomez (former major leaguer), Cuno Barragan (former major leaguer and Sacramento Solon), Len Frizzi (Sac-Joaquin CIF), John Baker (father of Dusty Baker), Gene Frechette (Dusty Baker School of Baseball), Mike Loomis (Mira Loma High School Softball Coach), Jim Pagliaroni (former major leaguer), Bob Oliver (former major league player and coach), Harry Dunlop (former major leaguer), Tony Asaro (Sacramento River Cats Senior Director of Community Relations) and Bob Hemond (Sacramento River Cats Executive Vice President).

Robert K. Puglia, the award's namesake, was the Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal (Third Appellate District) in Sacramento from Nov. 27, 1974, until Nov. 20, 1998. He was appointed to the Superior Court in August 1971 by former Governor Ronald Reagan, and was named an Associate Justice in June 1974. In honor of Puglia, who passed away in 2005, there will be a special presentation the man and his devotion to amateur baseball in the Sacramento Region.

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