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McGrath, Raymond, 1942-

Distinguished alumni award program in honor of  
Congressman Raymond McGrath / award presented by  
Village Trustee Paul Brown. - Valley Stream Historical  
Society, April 30, 1993.

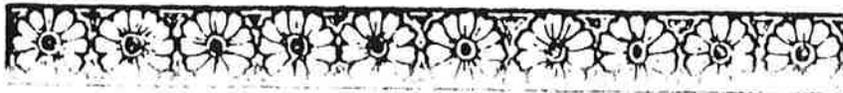
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NOTE: Distinguished Alumni Award Program honoring  
Congressman Raymond McGrath was held at the Valley  
Stream South High School Gymnasium on April 30, 1993.

1. McGrath, Raymond, 1942- . 2. Valley Stream  
(N.Y.) - History. I. Valley Stream Historical Society.  
II. Brown, Paul. III.t.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Program from the Distinguished Alumni Award Program  
honoring Congressman Raymond McGrath.



Village of Valley Stream  
and  
Valley Stream Central High School District

Distinguished Alumni Award Program  
in honor of

**CONGRESSMAN  
RAYMOND McGRATH**

April 30, 1993 9:30 a.m.  
Valley Stream South High School gymnasium

**Program**

Musical Introduction

Wind ensemble  
Todd Holly, dir.

String ensemble  
Lisa Granatelli, dir.

Welcome and Introduction ..... Dr. Donald A. Howard,  
Valley Stream CHSD Superintendent of Schools

Presentation of Awards:

..... by Nassau County Executive Thomas Gulotta  
..... by U.S. Congressman David Levy, 4th C.D.  
..... by State Senator Dean Skelos, 9th S.D.  
..... by Village of Valley Stream Trustee Paul Brown

Presentations ..... Ms. Christine J. Cutting, Principal  
by South High School ..... Lisa Finn, President,  
Student Council

Acceptance ..... Congressman Raymond McGrath

Closing ..... Ms. Christine J. Cutting





## CONGRESSMAN RAYMOND McGRATH

Former Republican Congressman Ray McGrath, now a Washington lobbyist, is the first South High School alumnus to be honored with a Distinguished Alumni Award. He served residents of the Valley Stream area (then the Fifth Congressional District) for six terms, from 1981-1992, but declined to seek a seventh race. A member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, he had jurisdiction over all tax, international trade, and major federal social programs.

Prior to his election to Congress in 1980, McGrath represented Valley Stream (then the 19th Assembly District) in the New York State legislature for four years.

McGrath moved to Valley Stream at the age of three and attended Holy Name of Mary School through the eighth grade. His home was at 139 Buscher Ave. He attended Central High School from 1955-57 and then South High School, graduating in 1959 with a Regents diploma. The South Legend yearbook for 1959 shows him as being on the varsity cross country and J.V. basketball teams; the Frosh, Soph, Junior and Senior Class Councils; the Legend circulation staff; treasurer of the Future Teachers of America; a member of the Theatre Guild; and a PTA student representative.

After graduation, McGrath earned a B.S. in education from SUNY Brockport, an M.A. in education from New York University, and taught on both the high school and college levels before entering government service.

McGrath cites his significant legislative accomplishments as: working to prevent efforts to eliminate the federal deduction for state and local taxes in the 1986 Congressional session; safeguarding Long Island water supplies in the Clean Water Act; fighting for passage of the 1990 Clean Air Act; supporting harsh penalties for those who dumped medical waste in the ocean; and fighting to preserve funding for Grumman's F-14 fighter plane. He prided himself on maintaining close contact with his constituents in the Fifth Congressional District.