

IN MEMORY OF CHIEF WARRANT  
OFFICER CHARLES STANLEY

### HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, Chief Warrant Officer Charles I. Stanley was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. It had been 33 years since the Army helicopter he was piloting crashed in bad weather in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. A search and rescue mission to find Stanley and six others on the helicopter following the crash had been unsuccessful.

For more than three decades, Stanley's family was unsure of his fate, and wondered if he would always be classified as MIA and if their grief would have no end. Finally, in November of 2000, several years after a crash site was identified, Stanley's remains were positively verified through DNA analysis. His burial at Arlington National Cemetery, our nation's most hallowed ground, took place last week and finally gave his beloved family some closure after decades of uncertainty.

Stanley grew up in Highland Heights, OH. He was a graduate of Mayfield High School and attended Ohio State University before enlisting in the Army in 1968. He was just 23 years old at the time of his death.

Stanley is survived by a brother, Ronald Stanley of Highland Heights, a sister, Carol Subel, a Chagrin Falls resident, and many other family members. Sadly, Stanley's mother and father both passed before learning of their son's fate.

At Stanley's funeral last week, about 50 family members, friends and Vietnam veterans gathered at Arlington to pay their last respect and to give this military hero a long overdue farewell. There was a chapel service at Fort Myers and then a graveside burial at Arlington, complete with a three-gun volley, a flag presentation and the performance of Taps by a lone bugler.

On behalf of the 19th Congressional District of Ohio, I extend my condolences to Stanley's family. I am pleased that you finally were able to give your brother the burial that befits him as a war hero, and that you have gained some closure in this painful chapter of your lives. Please know that Charles Stanley's heroic service and sacrifice for our nation are appreciated and will never be forgotten.

FOOD SAFETY REQUIRES MULTI-  
PRONGED APPROACH, INCLUDING  
IRRADIATION

### HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, the recent recall of ground beef highlights the need for increased attention to food safety and the means to achieve it. An editorial in the August 2, 2002, Norfolk Daily News, discusses the need to utilize a variety of approaches to further ensure safety. This includes adequate inspection at the plant and proper food preparation. In addition, the editorial states that "the Federal government has made it possible,

though not simple, for processors to employ the most fail-safe system of all—irradiation. Already in wide use in the food industry, it can extend shelf life as well as destroy the pathogens which seem to survive despite inspection efforts. Its use needs better acceptance in the red meat industry, and especially from those activists who claim to have the best interests of consumers at heart."

The Food and Drug Administration has approved irradiation for the control of pathogenic micro-organisms in red meat. The FDA concluded that irradiation reduced disease-causing microbes and did not compromise the nutritional quality of treated products. While the U.S. food supply is generally very safe, we must continue to seek improved methods of ensuring this safety. Irradiation is one of these methods.

TRIBUTE TO THE PONY LEAGUE  
TERM OF NORWALK, CALIFORNIA

### HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I am bursting with pride today as I rise to honor an extraordinary group of young athletes, the PONY (Protecting Our Nation's Youth) League Team of Norwalk, California, my hometown. On August 24, this team completed its undefeated competition in the 2002 PONY League World Series in Washington, Pennsylvania, with a commanding 10-0 victory over Levittown, Puerto Rico, to become the world champions. Norwalk became the first United States team since 1999 to win the PONY League World Series, and the third California team in six years to win the title.

After defeating tournament host Washington by a 11-7 score on the second night of competition, Norwalk cruised through the 13-game tournament with convincing victories over Hagerstown, Md. (11-0), Port Neches, Texas (11-4), and finally Levittown (10-0). The championship win ended their dominating four-game performance, in which the Norwalk team outscored their opponents by a combined score of 43-11.

We are often bombarded by negative stories about our young people involving violence and drugs. I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging this each of the young people on this team who have done something so positive in working together to reach this outstanding achievement: Art Gonzalez, Jimmy Buentello, Frankie Lucero, Johnny Perez, Gabriel Schwulst, Danny Dutch, Miguel Flores, Jesus Cabral, Tony Zarco, Jamil Acosta, Eddie Murray, George Sanchez, Richard Melendrez, Anthony Topete and Victor Sanchez.

I also want to recognize the team's manager and coaches, Ruben Velazquez, George Sanchez and Tony Rivas, as well as the parents of the players, who all played important roles in the team's success this season. Volunteers like these are the backbone of the PONY League, and without them the participation and success of our young athletes would not be possible.

The PONY League provides an excellent opportunity for 13 and 14-year-olds throughout the world to enjoy competitive baseball. The

PONY League was founded 1951, and since then over 5 million young athletes have participated. There are now 28,500 teams throughout the United States and 12 other countries. I have always been supportive of this League, the Norwalk PONY-Colt League, since my own sons played in it decades ago. I am very proud of all of the young people who have participated this season and many other seasons, but particularly the 2002 world champions from Norwalk, California. Congratulations.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. WES WATKINS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, I missed three rollcall votes on September 9, 2002, because I was attending meetings in my Congressional District. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" for rollcall votes 375, 376, and 377.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARSHALL  
DUANE SHERMAN

### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Marshall Duane "Whitey" Sherman, a longtime resident of Kremmling, Colorado. Mr. Sherman lived an extraordinary life and accomplished many things, he began his career as a lineman with the Estes Park Light and Power Company. Soon after, he worked as a consultant and inspector for various power companies throughout the state including the Department of Energy.

Despite his busy career, Mr. Sherman also managed to find time to make significant contributions within his community and throughout the State of Colorado. A cordial and responsible individual, Mr. Sherman spent much of his free time as a mentor to Colorado's future generations. He served as a 4-H leader and was involved in a number of church youth summer programs. Mr. Sherman also served on a host of other organizations that became influential to the welfare of the Kremmling community. He was president of the Middle Park Fair Board for ten years, served on the Kremmling Hospital board of directors, was the president of the West Grand Education Foundation, and was active in many groups within the Kremmling Community Church where he was a member.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I take the time to pay tribute to a man that has epitomized what it means to be a benefactor of his state and a role model for future generations to emulate. He was a decent, hard working American who found the time to help others and helped to make the Town of Kremmling, Colorado a better place to live. My condolences go out to the Sherman family, his wife Geneva and their sons Marshall, Mike, and Rich. Although the loss of Mr. Sherman will be deeply felt throughout the Kremmling

community, there is solace in knowing that his life has made an impression that will transcend his death for many years to come.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday September 4, 2002, I missed two votes due to flight delays. Although I received the appropriate leave of absence from the House, I wish to inform my colleagues and constituents of the 2nd District of Wisconsin on how I intended to vote on the roll call votes that I missed.

On Roll Call vote 371, I would have voted No. On Roll Call vote 372, I would have voted Aye.

#### MISSOURI'S #1 YOUNG BASEBALL TEAM

### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate and pay tribute to the Blue Springs Indians baseball team of Blue Springs, MO. These young players have distinguished themselves, the Blue Springs community and the State of Missouri with outstanding conduct on and off the field.

The Blue Springs Indians are the #1 baseball team in Missouri in the 8 years old and under USSSA Missouri League. The team managed this feat by winning the Missouri State Championship Tournament. The Indians finished 11th in the World Series and are ranked #15 in the nation.

The Blue Springs Indians are Taylor "Tator Tot" Cross, Luke "Biscuit" Crabb, Cole "Little Man" Erwin, Nate "Bear" Goff, Nick "G-Man" Gulotta, Gehrig "Lou" Hudson, Landon "Boot" Mason, Steven "Sully" Sullivan, Logan "Mowgs" Taylor, Brett "T-Rex" Valentine, Trevor "T-Bone" Wescott, and Andrew "Action" Wright.

Mr. Speaker, these young ball players have played a wonderful season of baseball and have made their friends and family proud. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing the Blue Springs Indians all the best.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, due to unavoidable circumstances, I was forced to take a medical leave of absence from the House of Representatives from 12:00 p.m. on September 5, 2002, until 12:00 p.m. on September 10, 2002. I respectfully request that how I would have voted had I been able to be present for votes be submitted and accepted into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at an appropriate place as follows:

On Rollcall vote No. 375, H.R. 5157 offered by Representative DON YOUNG, on Federal Transit Formula Grants Flexibility, had I been able to be present I would have voted "aye."

On Rollcall vote No. 376, H. Con. Res. 401 offered by Representative DON YOUNG recognizing the heroism and courage displayed by airline flight attendants each day, had I been able to be present I would have voted "aye."

On Rollcall vote No. 377, H. Res. 516 offered by Representative NORTHUP congratulating the Valley Sports American Little League Baseball Team from Louisville, Kentucky, for their outstanding performance in the Little League World Series, had I been able to be present I would have voted "aye."

On Rollcall vote No. 378, H.R. 5010 offered by Representative JERRY LEWIS to close portions of the conference on the Defense Appropriations bill, had I been able to be present, I would have voted "aye."

On Rollcall vote No. 379, H.R. 3210 offered by Representative OXLEY to instruct conferees, had I been able to be present, I would have voted "aye."

On Rollcall vote No. 380, on approving the Journal, had I been able to be present, I would have voted "nay."

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE WES WATKINS

### HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, today Oklahoma's delegation to the United States Congress pays tribute to our friend and colleague, the distinguished gentleman from Oklahoma, WES WATKINS.

Following twenty years of service in the House, WES WATKINS is leaving Congress at the end of this term. His service on behalf of Oklahoma's Third Congressional District spans parts of four decades: From 1977 to 1991 as a Democrat, and from 1997 to the present as a Republican.

Those of us who have had the honor to serve and work with WES WATKINS know him to be one of the hardest working and most dedicated members of the Congress.

The Third District of Oklahoma has been one of the most rural, economically distressed areas of the nation, and WES WATKINS has made it his mission to lay the foundation for private sector economic development and job growth in his district.

Whether he was recruiting potential employers or seeking federal funding for basic infrastructure that most of the country takes for granted—like paved roads and running water—WES WATKINS has always placed the needs of his constituents first on his priority list.

When traditional financing couldn't be arranged for businesses to expand or locate in his district, WES WATKINS helped found Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, a non-profit economic development organization that in the past twenty years has financed more than \$200 million in business loans for rural Oklahoma. When a potential business recruit told him there was not an ample water supply to locate a coal-fueled electric power plant in his district, WES WATKINS obtained federal funding

to raise the level of a local lake to accommodate the plant's needs.

WES WATKINS led the effort to help fledgling rural businesses succeed by helping create the nation's first rural business incubators in his district. And he worked with Oklahoma's career and technology education system to create rural distance-learning centers to help bridge the digital divide between urban and rural areas by bringing technology training directly to his rural constituents.

Thanks in large part to WES WATKINS' efforts, southeastern Oklahoma—once known for its welfare dependency—is now developing into one of the fastest growing areas of our state.

In addition to his economic development efforts in rural Oklahoma, WES WATKINS has earned a reputation as a strong supporter of our state's agriculture and energy industries. He has worked to improve rural health care and education. WES WATKINS has been an outspoken advocate for our nation's veterans and for a strong national defense. He has obtained funding for countless economic infrastructure projects like road construction, airport improvements, and water development in his rural district. And WES WATKINS' efforts to ensure Oklahoma's former Indian lands were eligible for federal Indian land tax incentives have provided Oklahoma with one of the best industrial recruitment tools in America.

With twenty years of experience in the House, WES WATKINS is the dean of Oklahoma's House delegation. His leadership and wisdom will be greatly missed not just by his many admiring colleagues, but by his district, his state, and his nation.

Thank you WES, for your many years of service and for a job well done. Your friends in Oklahoma's congressional delegation wish you the best of health and continued success in the years to come.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOE ULIBARRI

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Judge Joe Ulibarri of Pueblo, Colorado and recognize his contributions and service to his community. After twenty-three years in the Pueblo Municipal Court, Judge Ulibarri has retired. Throughout his tenure, Judge Ulibarri has made a number of important rulings, notably his 1991 decision that allowed the Municipal Court to accept juvenile citations and relieve the state Court of their backlog, leading to the expeditious handling of juvenile cases in Pueblo. The career and accomplishments of Joe Ulibarri are a testament to fine public service and most certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation.

Judge Joe Ulibarri was born on July 31, 1943 and was educated at Southern Colorado State College where he received an Associate of Arts degree in Social Studies and English. He went on to study law at the University of Denver School of Law, where he received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1970. Following graduation he earned a job as a staff attorney