

AMERICAN LEGION SENIOR BASEBALL TEAM PADUCAH POST 31

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I honor Paducah Post 31 American Legion Senior Baseball Team, of Paducah, Kentucky for making it to the American Legion World Series. In December 19, 2004 this team will be gathering to award each team member the World Series Ring to Commemorate their accomplishments. I congratulate the Paducah post 31 American Legion Senior Baseball Team on their accomplishments and look forward to seeing their continued success in the future.

This band of gifted athletes and team players has consistently fielded team after team in their region. Their competition was intense and they have distinguished themselves just as much by their own skill, as by the skill of those they defeated. They began their season as just one team among 5,400 others from all over the United States and Puerto Rico competing to be in the American Legion World Series. They ended it as one of eight teams from all over the United States and Puerto Rico, that actually did compete in the American Legion World Series.

As a baseball player I am especially proud of the accomplishments of this team from my own State of Kentucky. I know what it means to have played the good game, fought the good fight and won. The feeling that you have done the right thing by trying your hardest is payback enough. But Post 31's baseball team did that and much more, they not only tried their hardest, they also made it to the American Legion World Series.

I am proud of a team that when it does its best, makes it all the way to the World Series Eight. That is a great accomplishment of which they too should be proud.●

IN RECOGNITION OF ADMIRAL RICHARD TRULY

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, in January the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, CO, will have to say goodbye to the man who has been their director since 1997. Admiral Richard Truly has brought a great deal to NREL and I would like to take a moment to recognize him for his many impressive achievements, and to thank him for his service to NREL, to Colorado, and to the Nation.

Admiral Truly has a biography that is as diverse as it is interesting. For many being the director of a national lab, and managing an annual research budget of about \$200 million, would be the crowning highlight of a career. And such may be the case for Admiral Truly. But with all of the other experiences he has had, there would be tough competition.

If you ask the Admiral how he first became interested in the issue of energy and technology development the story would probably start something like, "when I was orbiting Earth in the

space shuttle . . ." Few people have had the experience of orbiting the Earth, and that experience has obviously widened the field of how he views problems. One often hears him relate the fact that seeing the Earth from space helped him to see that issues that may seem isolated to a distinct region, are really the results of a larger global challenge.

Admiral Truly piloted the Space Shuttle *Columbia* in 1981 and commanded the *Challenger* in August and September, 1983. He left to become the first commander of Naval Space Command in 1983, and served as the Administrator of NASA from 1989 to 1992, under the first President Bush. After the tragic *Challenger* accident, he led the accident investigation and was vital in rebuilding the Space Shuttle program. He also won the approval of President Reagan and Congress to build *Endeavor*, which replaced the *Challenger*. Under his direction NASA finalized plans for building the Space Station and implemented a number of streamlining reforms.

During Admiral Truly's tenure at NREL there have been many strides and innovations in the research done there. In the last 7 years the scientists at NREL have been able to improve wind technology, the fastest growing source of electric energy; increase the efficiency, and decrease the cost of solar energy; and advance the technology of bio-energy, which converts plant and animal waste to energy. These technological advancements provide great benefits to our economy, while also benefiting the environment.

However, the economy and the environment are not the only beneficiaries of Truly's work. Because he has helped NREL to become one of the premier research laboratories in the world, Colorado is the home to world-class scientists and researchers. Coloradans have a direct exposure to the newest, most up-to-date technology in the renewable industry. Numerous individuals, businesses and communities have benefited from partnerships with NREL which have produced new technological processes. Admiral Truly was instrumental in leading the lab down the path of success.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Presidential Citizen's Medal which was awarded by President Reagan in 1989. But one can see the personal side of Admiral Truly when he is around his staff, and others in the community. He is an unassuming and sincere person, with a ready smile for everyone he sees. He has a real instinct for what is best for the institution, but seems to balance that with what is best for the individuals. He also gives much of his time to community activities. In Colorado he has been an active advocate for the scientific and academic communities, and is a member of the Colorado Governor's Commission on Science and Technology, The Regis University Board of Trustees, and the Advisory Board to

the Colorado School of Mines Board of Trustees. He has also served on the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory Advisory Council, the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Naval Academy, the Defense Policy Board and the Army Science Board.

As I close, I wish to extend my thanks, but also the thanks of the people of Colorado and the Nation. Admiral Truly has given a large part of his life to public service and helping to better the world around him. I congratulate him on his retirement after a long and prosperous career, and wish him luck and happiness as he embarks on the next phase of his life.●

HONORING THE LIFE OF MILTON D. STEWART

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to a champion of this Nation's small businesses and to honor the work, dedication and life of Milton D. Stewart, the first Chief Counsel for the Office of Advocacy at the U.S. Small Business Administration. Mr. Stewart passed away at the age of 82, following an extensive and diverse career that included entrepreneurship, government, service to small businesses, law, journalism, and academia.

One of the most highly successful innovations of the House and Senate Small Business Committees came with the creation of the Office of Advocacy within the Small Business Administration. This office was established to represent and advance small business interests before other Federal agencies and the Congress. Congress recognized the importance of small business to the competitiveness of the American economy and understood that government sometimes can get in the way of small businesses doing what they do best—creating jobs.

Over the years, the Office of Advocacy has had a great deal of success and its hand has been strengthened by further congressional action, such as the Regulatory Flexibility Act in 1980 and the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act in 1996. The actions of the office have resulted in billions of dollars in regulatory cost savings for small entities, reducing barriers to market entry and promoting entrepreneurship.

This success is due in no small part to the solid beginnings of the Office of Advocacy under the leadership and through the vision of the very first Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Milton D. Stewart. Milt, in his tenure as Chief Counsel from 1978 to 1981, laid the groundwork for the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the first White House Conference on Small Business, the Small Business Innovation Development Act, and many other initiatives that are now considered part of the core small business policies within this country.

Formerly a small business owner and financier, Milt brought a level of commitment and passion for fostering the