

Players: Erik Ammon, Sophomore; Darwin Barney, Sophomore; Bret Bochsler, Freshman; Reed Brown, Sophomore; Dallas Buck, Junior; Brian Budrow, Freshman; Mitch Canham, Sophomore; Bryn Card, Freshman; Brett Casey, Freshman; Cory Ellis, Freshman; Derek Engelke, Sophomore; Josh Forgue, Freshman; Cole Gillespie, Junior; Ryan Gipson, Senior; Tyler Graham, Junior; Mark Grbavac, Freshman; Kevin Gunderson, Junior; Koa Kahalehoe, Freshman; Greg Keim, Junior; Jon Koller, Senior; Chris Kunda, Senior; Eddie Kunz, Sophomore; Joey Lakowske, Freshman; Greg Laybourn, Freshman; Lonnie Lechelt, Sophomore; Mike Lissman, Junior; Anton Maxwell, Junior; Jake McCormick, Junior; Shea McFeely, Senior; Jonah Nickerson, Junior; Joe Paterson, Sophomore; Casey Priceman, Sophomore; Sean Rockey, Freshman; Bill Rowe, Senior; Scott Santschi, Junior; Alex Sogard, Freshman; Dale Solomon, Freshman; Michael Stutes, Sophomore; Rob Summers, Freshman; Daniel Turpen, Sophomore; Geoff Wagner, Senior; John Wallace, Freshman.

As the underdog team throughout much of the tournament Oregon State truly impressed us with their resilience. Oregon State is the first team in 16 years to win their first College World Series game and national title in the same season. The support of the community and fans contributed much to the spirit that followed this team through their victory. Of notable credit, Jonathan Casey, son of Coach Pat Casey inspired us all with his unbreakable belief in Oregon State Baseball.

Oregon State is the first Northern-based school to win the College World Series in 40 years, I hope that this is a new trend in athletics throughout Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Congratulations Beavers on a hard-fought and well-earned championship.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THOM  
REILLY

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 29, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Mr. Thom Reilly as he prepares to resign as the Clark County Manager, which is one of the fastest growing counties in the country with more than 1.5 million residents, and is accepting the position as Vice Chancellor of the University of Nevada Health Science Services Center for the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Thom began his service to Nevada in 1987, when he took a policy analyst position in Carson City's Department of Human Resources. While working in Carson City, he had the opportunity to serve as Chief of Social Services, and was subsequently promoted to Deputy Administrator.

In 1991, Thom moved to Las Vegas and joined the Division of Child and Family Services, where he oversaw the Child Welfare System in Nevada. Thom left his state position to work for Clark County in 1997. As Director of Clark County Administrative Services, he served as Chief Administrator, and was responsible for administering and planning Clark County's legislative initiatives, franchise agreements, emergency management, policy and

program development, and strategic planning efforts.

In August of 1999, Thom left Clark County to accept a position as Associate Professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, UNLV. He has taught a number of graduate level courses in public administration and social work, and continues to teach on a part-time basis. Thom returned to work for Clark County in 2001, as County Manager and Chief Executive Officer.

Thom holds both a Doctorate and Master of Public Administration degrees from the University of Southern California, USC, a Master of Social Work from Arizona State University, and a B.A. from Memphis State University. He is the author of numerous articles in the areas of health and human services, environmental planning and citizen participation. Thom is also active in numerous community organizations and serves on the editorial boards for the journals *Public Administration Review*, *PAR*, and *Administration in Social Work*.

Recently Thom has been quoted saying, "It's been a distinct pleasure to serve the citizens of Clark County and the members of the County Commission, and I've had some wonderful years here and have worked with a lot of very talented people who take their roles as public servants very seriously. Now I look forward to continuing to serve the people of this state in my new role."

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Thom Reilly on the floor of the House. From the needs of a foster child to the needs of a vibrant and expanding community, Thom has a true gift of serving his fellow man. I am honored to have him as a friend. I commend him for his continued contributions to the state of Nevada and especially the residents of Clark County.

HONORING LANE JOHNSON ON THE  
COMPLETION OF HER INTERNSHIP

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 29, 2006*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions Lane Johnson has made while interning in my Washington, DC, office. A resident of Gallatin, Tennessee, Lane has been a wonderful addition to the office and a great servant to the constituents of Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

This fall, Lane will begin her final semester at the University of Tennessee, where she is majoring in agricultural economics and business. She is a member of Chi Omega, and I understand she is a member of the school's equestrian team. I hope those horses in Knoxville treat her better than the ones in Virginia did.

During her internship, Lane won over the entire staff with her ever-present eagerness and genuine interest in public affairs. She has attended briefings, addressed constituent concerns and served as a friendly and informative tour guide of the U.S. Capitol, providing visitors from Middle Tennessee with a personalized look at a national treasure.

I hope Lane has enjoyed her internship as much as my staff and I have enjoyed her presence in the office. I wish her all the best in the future.

RECOGNITION OF CORPORAL RYAN  
J. BUCKLEY

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 29, 2006*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Cpl Ryan J. Buckley who was recently killed in action fighting for freedom in Baghdad, Iraq.

Corporal Buckley was a 21-year-old from Nokomis, Illinois and was assigned to B Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He graduated high school in Hillsboro, IL.

Buckley paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country. He is survived by his wife, Tina of Oak Grove, KY; mother and stepfather, Sally and Russell Nation of Hillsboro, IL; his father, Dennis Buckley of Hannibal, MO; a brother, Cody Buckley; a stepbrother, Aaron Nation; a stepsister, Danielle Nation; and many other family, friends and loved ones. I am proud of the service this young man gave to his country and the service his fellow troops perform everyday. Not enough can be said about Corporal Buckley. It is soldiers like him that are risking their lives day in and day out to ensure our freedom here at home and to others throughout the rest of the world. I salute him and my best wishes go out to his family and all the troops fighting to ensure freedom and democracy. God bless them and may God continue to bless America.

IN MEMORY OF LOUIS JOSEPH

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 29, 2006*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Fire Chief Louis Joseph of Erwin, North Carolina, who died March 15, 2006. In his passing, Erwin lost one of its most outstanding citizens and a man who was instrumental in his community, county, and State.

One of the area's most beloved men, my friend Louis Joseph, died Wednesday afternoon at Rex Hospital following a battle with cancer he developed from a rare respiratory disease. He was 63. Louis was the longtime Erwin fire chief and coproprietor of Joseph's Department Store in Erwin. He was diagnosed with Wegener's Granulomatosis in October 2004. After 45 years as a firefighter and 30 years as chief, Louis's health forced him to retire from the department last June.

Chief Joseph and his brother George Joseph, Jr. were sons of an immigrant father from Beirut, Lebanon. George Joseph, Sr. came to North Carolina in 1933 to work in his brother's department store in Benson. After a try in the ice cream business, Mr. Joseph, Sr. opened a men's clothing store in 1948, which led to Joseph's Department Store and the first men's clothing store in Dunn, NC. Finally in 1951 Mr. Joseph, Sr. moved his department store east to Erwin where Joseph's Department Store still stands today. Louis and his brother George Jr. both worked at the store after school and eventually took over their father's business. Both sons demonstrated a life