

I want to also congratulate the Cleveland Indians' manager Terry Francona and their entire organization and one of their best and most loyal fans, Senator SHERROD BROWN. As Terry Francona said after game 7, they tried until there was nothing left.

The epicenter of Cubs Nation is on the North Side of Chicago, but it is much bigger. It reaches across America. The Cubs Nation has fans in every city. Probably the most amazing parade I have ever attended—and I have been to hundreds—was the Cubs' victory parade. They estimated the crowd at 5 million. I tell you what, I think they are right. The population of the city of Chicago is 2½ million, just to give an idea of how many they drew.

I will close with a short story. Although that 108 years between World Series victories brought much heartache to the Cubs Nation, there was joy after the drought. Quite a bit of that joy was listening to the legendary broadcaster who preceded Harry Caray as the voice of the Cubs. His name was Jack Brickhouse—or just “Brick” to his friends. He was born in Peoria and he was the first voice of the Cubs. He was the play-by-play announcer from 1948 until 1981. He called games for the White Sox, the Bears, and the Bulls. No wonder he is in both the Baseball and the Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

On May 12, 1970, he was in the broadcaster's booth when “Mr. Cub,” the great Ernie Banks, reached a milestone few players ever achieve. Pat Jarvis was pitching for the Braves, and this is how Brickhouse called the play:

Jarvis fires away. That's a fly ball, deep to left, back . . . Hey! Hey! Ernie Banks got number 500! Everybody on your feet. This . . . is . . . it!

And then Jack Brickhouse added his signature refrain: “Wheeeeeee!”

When the Cubs won this World Series, I suspect that up in Heaven Brickhouse, Caray, Banks, Santo, and countless other Cubs' players joined those fans who had been waiting for that World Series for 108 years. At long last, the Cubs are baseball's real champions.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, before my friend from Illinois leaves the floor, among the fascinating stories connected with the Cubs' great victory, was it not the case they found three 108-year-old women? I believe one lived in New Hampshire. I read a story about her. And then I guess the other two were still in Chicago; is that correct?

Mr. DURBIN. That is how I remember it, yes. I don't know if you read the epilogue, but one of those 108-year-old women passed away within a few days of the Cubs' win of the World Series.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Satisfied, I am sure, and ready to finally go on.

Mr. DURBIN. Died with a smile.

Mr. MCCONNELL. It was a great, great story. Congratulations.

AMERICAN ENERGY AND CONSERVATION ACT OF 2016—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 543, S. 3110.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 543, S. 3110, a bill to provide for reforms of the administration of the outer Continental Shelf of the United States, to provide for the development of geothermal, solar, and wind energy on public land, and for other purposes.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 543, S. 3110, a bill to provide for reforms of the administration of the outer Continental Shelf of the United States, to provide for the development of geothermal, solar, and wind energy on public land, and for other purposes.

Bill Cassidy, John Cornyn, Pat Roberts, Mike Crapo, Lamar Alexander, Shelley Moore Capito, Daniel Coats, Mike Rounds, Richard Burr, John Barrasso, John McCain, Orrin G. Hatch, Thom Tillis, Johnny Isakson, John Boozman, David Vitter, Mitch McConnell.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

REMEMBERING BERLIN FOREST HOWARD III

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to a distinguished Kentuckian and beloved member of the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park family who I regret has recently passed away: Berlin Forest Howard III. Mr. Howard was lost while performing his job in service to our national parks. He was 27 years old.

On August 22 of this year, a tragic accident befell him as he was mowing the lawn in the park, and he was pronounced dead shortly after being rushed to the Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Mr. Howard's loss has been felt by many and has inspired those who were close to him to reflect on what joy he brought to all those around him. Mr. Howard had a happy, bright aura about him. He was someone who would always be caught smiling and bringing light to others with his positive attitude. He was dedicated to the national

park and proud of his Appalachian heritage. His memory will continue on through his two children, Reid and Xander.

My thoughts go out to the Howard family during this time of grief. I want to thank Mr. Howard for his many years of dedication to preserving a park that is a treasure, not just for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, but also the Nation. I am sure my Senate colleagues join me in expressing gratitude and admiration for Mr. Howard's life and legacy of service as well.

An area publication, the Mountain News WYMT, published an article on this sad incident. I ask unanimous consent that the article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From WYMT, Aug. 23, 2016]

FRIENDS MOURN THE LOSS OF MAN KILLED WHILE MOWING GRASS

(By Caleb Noe)

BELL COUNTY, Ky.—Across the country, park rangers wear a black band across their badges, mourning the loss of one of their own.

“The Cumberland Gap staff is a family in itself. Knowing that one of our own is no longer with us is definitely having its toll,” said Supervisory Park Ranger Carol Borneman.

Berlin Forest Howard III, 27, a maintenance worker at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, was killed on the job while mowing the grass.

We're told the incident happened just off of Pinnacle View Road, at the national park Monday morning, when a van collided with Howard, who was on a riding lawn mower at the time.

“It's just hard to understand. It just makes us all think about telling our children every day how much we love them, because you don't know when you're going to have that chance again,” said Bruce Thompson, a family friend.

Bruce Thompson watched Howard grow up in Middlesboro and says it's hard to find another young man as compassionate, caring, and hard-working.

“[He] just absolutely loved life. He'd do anything to help you. It didn't matter what time of day it was. If he could help you, he'd help you. It's hard to find that caliber of a person,” said Thompson.

Recently, Howard took an interest in golf and actually won a “closest to the pin” contest at Middlesboro Country Club, just last Tuesday.

“He was very dedicated to trying to master the game,” said Thompson.

Friends and family members will try to come to terms with the loss of a son, brother, and father.

TRIBUTE TO LEONARD DISHMAN

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a venerable Kentuckian and veteran, Leonard Dishman. Mr. Dishman, along with a group of other veterans, was recently a participant in an honor flight visit to Washington, DC, and he was also recently recognized for his accomplishments in service by his hometown of Monticello.

World War II veteran Leonard Dishman experienced an unforgettable

day on October 1 of this year when he, along with 75 other veterans, participated in honor flight. This memorable day began for Mr. Dishman at 4 a.m., when he and his daughter departed for the Lexington airport.

Upon arrival, he and his fellow veterans were greeted by Governor Matt Bevin and others who were there to wish them a good trip. Mr. Dishman's guardian for the trip, Larry West, commander for the local Disabled American Veterans, expressed how honored and proud he was to be a part of such an "inspirational day."

Honor flight provides an opportunity for veterans to visit the memorials in Washington honoring their service to our country. When Mr. Dishman and the other veterans landed in DC, they were given a police escort to every stop they made in the city. They visited the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and Arlington Cemetery before they flew back to Lexington in the evening, where they were welcomed back by lines of people waving flags.

Mr. Dishman told his guardian, Larry West, that it had been "the best day of his life." That same day, Mr. Dishman, a native of Monticello, was escorted by police with his family back to his hometown, where he was presented with a declaration proclaiming October 1, 2016, "Leonard Dishman Day."

Honor flight is very close to my heart, as my own father served in World War II in the European theater, and I am grateful to have had the privilege of meeting with several honor flight participants in the past. I am extremely proud to represent Leonard Dishman, such a remarkable man and veteran here in the Senate, and I extend my thanks for his service. I am sure my colleagues join me in expressing gratitude for his service as well. He truly represents the best of Kentucky.

An area publication, the Outlook, recently published an article detailing Mr. Dishman's day with the Honor Flight program. I ask unanimous consent that the article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From The Outlook, Oct. 12, 2016]

DISHMAN HAS MEMORABLE DAY ON HONOR FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Saturday, October 1 is a day that 91-year-old Leonard Dishman will never forget. He packed a whole lot of memorable experiences in less than 24 hours, beginning with an early morning flight from Lexington to Washington, D.C. and ending with a special ceremony commemorating a day in his honor back in his hometown of Monticello.

Dishman, a World War II veteran, was among 75 veterans who participated in Honor Flight that day. Dishman, like so many veterans, had never gotten the opportunity to visit the World War II Memorial, until he participated in Honor Flight.

Honor Flight's mission is to fly World War II, Korean War and Vietnam veterans to Washington, D.C. for a one-day, all-expenses-paid visit to the memorials that are dedicated to their service and sacrifices. The Oc-

tober 1 Honor Flight was one of only two this year, and it was sponsored by Toyota Manufacturing.

The day began very early for Dishman and his family, according to his daughter, Annedda Guffey. They left for the airport about 4 a.m. Once at the airport, the celebration began, as organizers had put together a big send-off for the veterans. Governor Matt Bevin and others were there to wish them well on their day.

Larry West, commander for the local Disabled American Veterans, served as Dishman's guardian for the trip.

"It was such an honor for me to be a part of this," West said. "It was just an inspirational day, and I am proud to have been part of it."

West and other members of the local D.A.V. learned more about Honor Flight when Gary Campbell from the organization spoke to them about it earlier this year. Since Dishman was the oldest member of the local D.A.V., West thought it would be a great experience for him. He noted that the priority of Honor Flight is to involve World War II veterans.

Also at the send-off were members of a sorority that provided breakfast for the veterans and their families. Once the plane landed in Washington, D.C. the group enjoyed a police escort to every stop along the way.

West noted that they also visited the Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam War Memorial. The group went to Arlington Cemetery, where they watched the changing of the guard and the placing of the wreaths.

After a jam-packed day of touring different memorials, the veterans and their guardians flew back into the Lexington airport, where a heroes' welcome awaited them.

Two lines of people waited, waving flags and cheering. West noted it was just like a parade.

"Leonard worked the crowd . . . He had a ball," said West. "He told me later that this was the best day of his life."

It was about to get even better, as the group of local residents returned to Monticello. Dishman and his family were greeted by policemen who escorted them to the area near Ringley Tire on North Main Street. Family and friends greeted Dishman and he was presented with a proclamation designating October 1, 2016 as "Leonard Dishman Day."

The proclamation noted the many military accomplishments of Dishman, including receiving the Bronze Star of the Philippine Islands for Liberation, two overseas bars, the Atlantic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Army of Occupation Medal of Japan, the Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge and the American Defense Medal.

Dishman was named the D.A.V. Veteran of the Year in 2011.

Dishman was overwhelmed by the turnout and the reception he received.

"I want to express my appreciation to D.A.V. Commander Larry West, who was my guardian for the day, to the Monticello Women's Club, the Monticello Police Department, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Monticello Fire Department, as well as the citizens of Monticello and my family and friends, all of whom took part in this event," stated Dishman. "It was thrilling to see how our little town pulled together and accomplished an event my family and I will never forget. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for this amazing gift you gave me."

tuckian and honorable veteran of the Vietnam war, Don Parrish. More than four decades ago, Mr. Parrish and his hometown of Bardstown, KY, suffered great loss: In the summer of 1969, four Bardstown soldiers Mr. Parrish knew well were killed in service to our country. This loss was one of the worst suffered by any town in the war. As the years pass, Mr. Parrish finds himself more and more emotional regarding his time in uniform.

In October of 1968, Mr. Parrish was deployed to Vietnam with the C Battery of the Kentucky Army National Guard. Mr. Parrish and his fellow soldiers were reportedly the best firing battery in all of Southeast Asia. The battery consisted of childhood friends, brothers, and cousins. As boys who had grown up together to become men, they operated flawlessly as a unit.

The battery was "infused" with soldiers from New Hampshire, a precaution taken in an effort to prevent too many men from the same hometown from remaining a part of one unit in case of fatal attacks. Regrettably, that did not prevent an attack by the Viet Cong on Firebase Tomahawk, resulting in the tragic loss of four of Mr. Parrish's Bardstown comrades and fellow servicemen.

Mr. Parrish, a native of Bardstown, where he still lives today, worked for many years operating his family's business manufacturing concrete blocks. Eventually he and his wife Judy opened a bookstore together, which they ran for almost 20 years. Mr. Parrish is now a volunteer member of KET's Friends Board, which promotes KET in counties all over Kentucky.

I am tremendously proud to represent such a remarkable man and veteran here in the Senate, and I extend my thanks for Don Parrish's service. I am sure my colleagues join me in expressing gratitude for his service as well. He represents the finest of Kentucky.

A Kentucky publication, KET Visions, recently published an interview with Mr. Parrish about his experience in Vietnam. I ask unanimous consent that the article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From KET Visions, Nov. 2016]

HOMETOWN HERO PARRISH SERVED, SUFFERED LOSS IN VIETNAM WAR

Don Parrish has always been able to talk about his Vietnam experiences. Not that it isn't difficult. His losses—and they were great—affect him more and more as the years pass. Emotions rise more readily to the surface.

"As time moves on, my emotions get worse," said Parrish, who deployed to Vietnam in October 1968 with "C" Battery of the Kentucky Army National Guard, an artillery unit of men from Bardstown and the surrounding area.

"We went to Washington last fall to help our daughter and her husband move into a new apartment. While we were there, we went to the wall," he said, his voice breaking

TRIBUTE TO DON PARRISH

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a distinguished Ken-