

over Kosovo before an irreversible quagmire develops. The President today believes he is free to pursue any policy he wants in the Balkans and the Persian Gulf without Congressional approval. It shouldn't be that way. It's dangerous politically, military, morally, and above all else undermines our entire system of the rule of law.

UNTIMELY DEATH OF HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STAR, JOHN STEWART

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support and sympathy for the family of John Stewart, a young Indianapolis man who promised to bring glory to the game of basketball. Unfortunately and most tragically, last Friday night he collapsed at a basketball game and died from an undetected enlarged heart.

John Stewart just turned 18 years old, was an amazing young man gifted with enormous natural talent and he used those talents to the fullest. He was very friendly, had a good sense of humor. He was loved by both students and teachers at Lawrence North High School. He measured a full 7 feet tall and tipped the scales at nearly 300 pounds.

From 1995 to 1997, John was a ball boy for the Indiana Pacers. The Pacers continued to provide John Stewart with shoes even after his days with the team because his feet were so large his family had a hard time finding shoes that would fit him. It was reminiscent of Shaquille O'Neal, who had given his shoes to a young man not because they could not afford to buy size 16-17 shoes but because in the marketplace those sizes were very difficult to locate. John Stewart had led Lawrence North 24 to 2, with 22 points and 13 rebounds. The third-quarter numbers were 10 points and 7 rebounds.

The case of John Stewart reminds us how imperative it is to understand before kids enter the world of athletics, especially something as strenuous as basketball, that they have to have a thorough heart evaluation to forego a cardiac condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. It is a disease of the heart that has some genetic tendencies. It causes a very enlarged heart. The normal treatment for that, of course, is to avoid strenuous physical activity.

John Stewart was second-ranked Lawrence North's star center. He collapsed Friday during the Wildcats' Class 4A regional championship game with Bloomington South at Columbus. Unfortunately, he never regained consciousness. He had also been awarded a scholarship to attend the University of Kentucky during the next school season.

So I wanted to say on behalf of the many people who will not have an opportunity to express their support for the John Stewart family, his mother, his father, his sisters, his brothers, his aunts and his grandparents, and to all of the students who are in shock and in bereavement at Lawrence North that there is a passage of scripture that often refers to a situation like this in that "death has no democracy, it visits anyone regardless of what their ages are."

But it could be that John Stewart's life was cut off prematurely to alert this Congress, this country, to the need for allowing children to have thorough heart examinations before they go in. The passage of scriptures says that perhaps John may have laid down his life so that others may live.

In closing, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I would simply recall for the John Stewart bereaved family at this time the words that the poet who reminds all of us, "for every drop of rain that falls a flower grows"; and certainly John Stewart has brought in the rain where a flower will grow, and said, "somewhere in the darkest night a candle glows."

John Stewart's remains will be laid to rest on Friday. And unfortunately, I cannot attend the Hershey event with my colleagues because I will be attending John Stewart's going home services if you will. But he does remind me that for every drop of rain that falls a flower grows and somewhere in the darkest night that a candle glows.

I know wherever John Stewart's spirit is at this time, regardless of the pain that his departure has left, that his candle will continue to glow through the minds and the hearts of the John Stewart family and the Lawrence North High School community.

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY FOR SIX DECADES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. HULSHOF) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a small radio station with a big voice which has been broadcasting for six decades in Missouri. In Warrenton, Missouri, a small but growing community, Bill and Merle Zimmerman first established KWRE-AM-73, a radio station to serve the residents of east central Missouri 50 years ago. Playing tunes by Marty Robbins, Dottie West, and Jim Reeves, KWRE Radio officially hit the air waves in 1949 and has remained true to its motto of playing traditional country music ever since.

I would like to take these few minutes, Mr. Speaker, to honor those at this humble radio station who have reached out to people in Warren County, as well as Lincoln, Montgomery,

Gasconade and Franklin Counties, deep in the heartland of Missouri's Ninth Congressional District.

Now, despite the demands of running a modern station, those at KWRE have maintained traditional homegrown values as their core operating method. As such, they have proven over the last 50 years that America still wants to hear wholesome traditional values and classic country songs.

In 1962, this hometown tradition was carried on by Vern and Lillian Kasper. The Kaspers bought KWRE Radio and were able to modernize the broadcast facilities, increase the community services offered by the station, and air award-winning editorials and other public service programs.

Those responsible for maintaining KWRE's traditional country image are people like Phil Summers, who brings a vast array of characters and endless trivia tidbits to the station's morning show each weekday. His award-winning show ranks as one of the best entertainment and local news shows in east central Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to highlight the quality of KWRE's morning programming. And currently, I and other locally-elected officials are regular guests on Mike Thomas' weekday "Livewire" program. "Livewire" is actually just that, a live wire. It covers a range of topics, from local school issues to international relations and everything in between. Every other week I am honored to be a guest on the "Livewire" show and help inform the listeners in east central Missouri about legislative action taking place here in our Nation's Capitol and how it affects folks at home.

Overall, there are several programs on KWRE that focus primarily on news and information. The station broadcasts at least 15 daily news broadcasts to all six counties in east central Missouri.

In addition to providing top-notch newscasts, KWRE is also known for its broadcast of agricultural information. And having grown up on a family farm in Missouri, I know firsthand how important it is to have up-to-date market information and how useful it can be for local farmers and those involved in agribusiness. KWRE does this as well as any and better than most.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, KWRE also acts as the public service medium to inform its listeners about upcoming nonprofit events listed on its free bulletin board. KWRE-73 Sports is the hometown sports voice for area schools, broadcasting approximately 60 high school football and basketball games each school year. The station broadcasts a live weekly sports show, "Instant Replay," aimed at keeping the fan and sportsman in-the-know.

In summary, KWRE accommodates all ages of east central Missouri's residents whether it is the annual Senior