

time between the USS *Chosin*, the USS *O'Brien*, the USS *Elliot*, the USS *Curts*, the USS *Bunker Hill*, the USS *Mobile Bay* and the USS *Carl Vinson*.

Capt. Lumme then went back to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in June of 1994 for 3 years with the National Military Command Center. In 1997, he was chosen for squadron command, and he returned to Pensacola for a tour as Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer of Training Squadron SIX. After 3 years, he joined CINCLANTFLEET as Admiral Clark's Executive Assistant and Flag Secretary, followed by the role of Commanding Officer for CLF Shore Activities Staff.

In July of 2000, he became Deputy EA for the Chief of Naval Operations. Capt. Lumme's career culminated with his assignment to the prestigious and rewarding role of the Director of the Navy Liaison Office to the House of Representatives, where his exceptional leadership and skills were invaluable to the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Legislative Affairs.

His steadfast leadership and superb performance have won him numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Joint Service Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, three Navy Commendation Medals and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Capt. Lumme completes his distinguished and honorable career leaving an impression of his inspiring leadership, a mastery of national defense issues and all-encompassing support for the Navy's combat readiness, programs, and quality of life.

I am pleased to recognize and thank Dale Lumme for his long and dedicated service to this country and join with his friends and colleagues in wishing him "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he, his wife Roxanne and their two daughters, Reagan and Lauren leave the Navy after 24 years of remarkable contribution and service.

MAHONING VALLEY SCRAPPERS
WIN NY-PENN LEAGUE TITLE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend special recognition to the Mahoning Valley Scrappers, a Division I-A minor league baseball team located in Niles, Ohio, which won the 2004 New York-Penn League Championship for the first time in its 6-year history.

On Monday September 13, the Scrappers claimed the title after defeating the Tri-City Valley Cats 4-2 in a two-game sweep. The Scrappers finished the year with a 42-34 record, with new manager Mike Sarbaugh at the helm.

The Scrappers, an affiliate of the Cleveland Indians major league baseball franchise, averaged more than 4,100 spectators per game this year, placing the team near the top third in its league for attendance.

I commend the team for its extraordinary achievements and join with my community to thank the players and the organization for bringing America's favorite pastime home to the Mahoning Valley.

INTRODUCING RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT TO INCREASE WORLDWIDE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, two years ago this month, over 18 nations came together at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg and made a commitment to increase worldwide access to clean water and sanitation.

Today, I introduced a bipartisan resolution to affirm the commitments made by the United States in Johannesburg, recognize efforts made to meet this commitment, and call for a greater effort by the U.S. and all developed nations towards meeting this public health, economic development, and environmental challenge. Original cosponsors of this resolution are CHRISTOPHER SHAYS, GEORGE MILLER, JAMES GREENWOOD, TOM ALLEN and MARK UDALL.

In 2002, 17 percent of the world's population lacked access to safe drinking water and 42 percent had no access to basic sanitation. Between 2 million and 5 million people die each year because of this lack of clean water and sanitation, including 4,000-10,000 children every day.

The resolution is supported by CARE, the Natural Resources Defense Council, MercyCorps, the National Wildlife Federation, Living Water International, and WaterPartners International.

HONORING OLYMPIC ATHLETE
RYAN LOCHTE

HON. TOM FEENEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. FEENEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I note the Olympic accomplishments of Ryan Lochte, a constituent of mine from Port Orange, Florida.

For swimmers, the Olympics represent the ultimate contest. No other swimming meet rises to that level of competition. In his first Olympic event, 20-year-old Ryan Lochte earned the gold.

That event was the Men's 4 x 200 meter Freestyle Relay—one of the most exciting finishes in the 2004 Summer Olympics. Here, the underdog American team of Ryan Lochte, Michael Phelps, Peter Vanderkaay, and Klete Keller faced an Australian team that dominated this event for several years.

After Michael Phelps gave the Americans a one-second lead in the first leg, Ryan Lochte and Peter Vanderkaay extended that lead to 1.5 seconds. But Klete Keller faced the Australian legend Ian Thorpe who proceeded to cut into that lead. However, Klete Keller rose to that challenge. As a capacity crowd rose to its feet for the finish, Klete Keller touched the wall 0.13 seconds ahead of the Australian. And Ryan Lochte and his teammates won the gold.

Two days later, Ryan Lochte competed in the Men's 200 meter Individual Medley. He

came out of the final turn fifth in a field of eight. But in those last 50 meters, Ryan—swimming the freestyle, his best stroke—passed three swimmers to capture the silver and turn in his career-best time of 1:58.78.

Two proud and sacrificing parents contributed to Ryan's success. His father—Steven Lochte—is a nationally-recognized swimming coach and coaches the Spruce Creek High School team and the Daytona Beach Speed club team. Mr. Lochte pursues an untraditional coaching style that develops young swimmers at a gradual pace. Thus, his protégés blossom at the critical age of late teens and early 20s and avoid the burnout experienced by many young athletes. Mr. Lochte personally witnessed his son's feats in Athens.

Ryan's mother—Ileana Lochte—taught Ryan how to swim. She's a typical swim team mother who has traveled to hundreds of meets and been her son's biggest cheerleader. Ms. Lochte stayed home when Ryan went to Athens because school had started for Ryan's younger siblings. But she was standing by the pool at the Port Orange YMCA when her cell phone rang with the news of Ryan's gold medal win.

Ryan adds to the Gator legacy while attending the University of Florida and is an 11 time All American swimmer. He has brought much pride to his family, teammates, and his community.

ON RELEASE OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE U.S. COMMISSION ON OCEAN POLICY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, five months ago yesterday, the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy released a Preliminary Report outlining the imperiled state of our oceans. Yesterday, the U.S. Commission moved our country one step closer to being better stewards of our oceans by submitting to the President and to Congress a Final Report on "everything oceans." This comprehensive document makes recommendations on a wide range of topics, from improving governance of ocean resources to promoting greater marine stewardship and education, from recognizing the need to manage the oceans on an ecosystem basis to suggesting greater exploration of unknown areas of the sea, from discussing reform of fisheries management to arguing for increases in our marine science research budget, and from speaking to the connections between coastal land uses and the oceans to implementing an integrated ocean observation system.

Submission of the Final Report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy is truly an historic event. It has been more than 30 years since we, as a nation, have evaluated our relationship with the sea. I sincerely hope that our evaluation does not get ignored, but instead serves as a springboard for increased protection of this country's largest public trust resource.

The U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy was mandated by the Oceans Act of 2000, legislation on which I am an original cosponsor and which is based on bills that I initially introduced in 1997 and 1999. In the Oceans Act,