



KENWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

received
3-15-93 BARLAND LANE
Principal

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SALINA, OKLAHOMA 74365

Handwritten note:
Nikki
a simple
letter of
support
for him

March 12, 1993

Wilma Mankiller, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465

Dear Chief Mankiller:

I am writing to ask your assistance in helping Rodney Stewart become a page in the United States House of Representatives for congressman Mike Synar.

Rodney is a highly articulate, bright, personable, and mature full-blood Cherokee boy who is currently a sophomore at Salina High School. His mother is Dora Stewart, who is employed at the Cherokee Nation Head Start in Salina. Rodney's future plans include attending college to become an engineer.

I have visited with Mike's office about Rodney, and I believe that he stands an excellent chance of being selected. However, a letter of recommendation from you would certainly increase his opportunity.

If selected, Rodney would attend school and work in the United States Capitol Building for at least one and possibly two semesters of his junior year. He would receive \$1,000.00 per month stipend and room and board. This would also greatly enhance his opportunities for college scholarships, not to mention the great educational opportunities it would open to him.

I have enclosed a personal resume of Rodney's achievements thus far. If you feel that you would be able to endorse this young man, please send all correspondence to me at Kenwood School, as we are preparing his packet to be submitted to Mike's office.

As always, I greatly appreciate the time and effort that you expend on behalf of our school and the people of this community.

Respectfully,

Michael Sperry
Michael Sperry
Instructor