

future generations will be afforded the opportunity to see first hand the beauty and efficiency that is associated with early Pennsylvania architecture.

Named after Theodore Burr, the early American engineer, the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society's efforts honor the life and works of Mr. Burr, while simultaneously bettering our community as a whole. For this I congratulate them on their 50th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, April 23, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and thus I missed rollcall votes Nos. 201 and 202. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on both votes.

HONORING COLONEL JIM AYERS
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE-
TIREMENT

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the sterling career of Colonel Jim Ayers of McDowell County. Colonel Ayers is retiring on September 1, 2009 from the United States Air Force after 26 years of dedicated service.

Colonel Ayers, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, was commissioned in 1983 through the ROTC program. He has served his country through a variety of assignments in acquisitions, mobility operations, and doctrine development. Colonel Ayers is a Command Pilot with more than 3,500 flight hours in the C-141, KC-10, and C-32. As an operational commander, he led the First Airlift Squadron at Andrews Air Force Base where his unit was responsible for the transportation of the Vice-President, First Lady, Members of Congress and senior cabinet officials. He also helped shape our military's doctrine and policy while serving as an analyst at the Headquarters Air Force Doctrine Center and as a research staff member at the Institute for Defense Analyses. Most recently, Colonel Ayers led the Washington Operations section of United States Joint Forces Command.

Colonel Ayers has admirably served his country without question or reservation and, in doing so, has set standards of honor, respect, duty and country for his fellow soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. On behalf of myself and my constituents, I extend to Colonel Jim Ayers my gratitude, deep appreciation and well wishes for a good retirement.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING OAK HILL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE OAK HILL HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Oak Hill High School has displayed incredible dedication to creating well-rounded students; and Whereas, the Oak Hill High School has been supportive of their athletes; and Whereas, the Oak Hill High School has broadened the abilities and skills of their athletes in the sport of basketball; and Whereas, the Oak Hill High School has always promoted sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it Resolved, that along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the Oak Hill High School on supporting their Boys' Basketball team in winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous amount of support they have given to their athletes.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL WURTH ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Michael Wurth of Perrysburg, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mike's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet Class of 2013. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Mike brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force cadets. While attending Perrysburg High School in Perrysburg, Ohio, Mike was a member of the National Honor Society and High Honor Roll.

Outside the classroom, Mike was active in Boy Scouts, serving as a Patrol Leader, Chaplain's Aide, and Order of the Arrow Brotherhood Member. He obtained the rank of Eagle Scout and served as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Mike participated on Perrysburg High School's cross country, track, and wrestling teams, earning varsity letters in each and serving as captain of the cross country and wrestling teams. Mike also organized community track meets. I am confident that Mike will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Michael Wurth on his acceptance of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Mike will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AUSTIN BROWN FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Austin Brown showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Austin Brown was a supportive team player; and Whereas, Austin Brown always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Austin Brown on winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008-2009 basketball season.

HONORING MICHAEL BRUEN WOOD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael Bruen Wood a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 418, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Michael Bruen Wood for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING DEPUTY KEVIN VICE, MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Deputy Kevin Vice for