

TRIBUTE TO THE CRESTON HIGH
SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Creston High School wrestling team for winning the Iowa High School 2A Wrestling Championship title.

I send my congratulations to each member of the team:

Wrestlers by Weight Class—

113—Jacob Goodson

138—Wyatt Thompson

160—Cam Leith

195—Seth Maitlen

126—Trevor Marlin

145—Mitchel Swank

170—Chase Shiltz

220—Kadon Hulett

Head Coach: Darrell Frain.

Coaches: Cody Downing and Eric Ehlen.

Mr. Speaker, the success of this team and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, commitment, and determination. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the team for competing in this rigorous competition and wishing them all nothing but continued success.

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEXAS BORDER BUSINESS

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the ten year anniversary of Texas Border Business.

Roberto H. Gonzalez founded Texas Border Business in 2005 as a source of business news for South Texas and Northern Mexico. Since its inception, it has been regarded by

the business community as one of the most valuable and credible sources for commerce news. Their high caliber reporting and journalistic integrity offers the region's businesses a well-balanced and informative source for news.

Regular features include industry and market reports, company success stories and executive insights. The newspaper also provides regular updates on educational programs serving businesses, ongoing features introducing local company web sites, as well as articles on local politics and how they affect business in the Rio Grande Valley. In addition, Texas Border Business covers the high-tech industry, with reports on e-commerce, broadband, wireless, data storage, web design, computer peripherals, and security.

Furthermore, Texas Border Business also serves as a reminder that perseverance is the key to success. Roberto H. Gonzalez started this publication using the last few dollars that he had. His home was being foreclosed and bills were piling up. He had been unemployed for over a year and had barely enough money to make it day to day. However, he never lost hope. After, ten years of success through hard work and dedication, this anniversary shows what can be accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Texas Border Business on its ten year anniversary and I congratulate Roberto Hugo Gonzalez and the Texas Border Business team for their important contributions to the business community in the Rio Grande Valley.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida.

The Base was officially activated on April 16, 1941 and named in honor of Col. Leslie MacDill, a World War I veteran and aviation pioneer who died in a plane crash. MacDill

AFB has a long and established legacy of protecting our national security.

MacDill has continued to evolve and thrive over its 75 year lifespan. MacDill went from training crews to fly B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-26 Marauder bombers in World War II to B-29 Superfortresses, B-47 Stratojets and F-84, F-4 and F-16 fighters. It now is home to two wings that fly KC-135 Stratotanker aerial refueling jets. The base has played a key role in U.S. military actions from World War II, the Korean War, the Cuban missile crisis, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the ongoing fight against terrorism in the Middle East and elsewhere. From its first day in service to our nation to now, MacDill has consistently played a vital role in U.S. military achievement.

Currently, MacDill houses the 6th Air Mobility Wing and 39 Mission Teammates, including U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command, Marine Corps Forces Central Command, the Joint Communications Support Element and dozens of other mission partners, including, until July, the aircraft operations center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

As integral as it is to our national security operations, MacDill is also a critical partner in our nation's humanitarian response efforts. Its strategic location was used to respond and aid the millions devastated by the 2010 earthquake that ravaged the capital city of Haiti, Port-a-Prince.

MacDill is home to more than 13,000 military and civilian personnel. Nearly 170,000 retirees live in the Tampa area and depend on the base for many necessary services. MacDill remains a vital economic driver and a source of good paying jobs for Southwest Florida residents. The base pumps about \$5 billion a year into the regional economy. MacDill is part of fabric of Southwest Florida; the relationship between the base and community is among the strongest in the military.

Many of my constituents work and serve at MacDill and I am proud to represent these brave Floridians in an area that is so integral to our national defense. I know that MacDill will continue to play a crucial role in protecting Florida's families as our nation faces ongoing and future security challenges. I am proud to support MacDill Air Force Base every day and especially today on its 75-year anniversary.