

Justice Service Award from the Indiana State Bar Association Criminal Justice Section in 1996.

Larry's life-long commitment to justice and public defense led to his service on the board of directors at the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, the Commission on Children, and the Commission on the Interstate Compact on Probation and Parole. He has also served as a member of the American Bar Association, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Indiana State Bar Association, International Bar Association, the Public Defender Commission, the Criminal Code Evaluation Commission and the Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee.

Larry has made a remarkable impact on his community and the lives of his friends, family, and colleagues. He has truly left a legacy of success at the Indiana Public Defender Council and in the State of Indiana that will be built upon for years to come. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Larry Landis on his extraordinary career and extend my gratitude for all the wonderful contributions he has made to our Hoosier community. I wish the very best to my dear friend and his family, and hope that he will have many happy times on the golf course and beyond as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATING GABRIEL
KURTZ OF THE CAMDENTON
LAKERS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gabriel Kurtz of the Camdenton Lakers for his first-place finish in the Javelin Field Event at the 2018 Missouri Class 4 State Track and Field Championship.

Gabriel and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Gabriel Kurtz for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
UNITED STATES ARMY
NATIONAL GUARD COLONEL (COL)
CHESTER GUYER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Colonel (COL) Chester Guyer's 31 years of service in the U.S. Army National Guard (ARNG). During his long and distinguished career, COL Guyer demonstrated his commitment to our nation, serving in numerous leadership roles and staff positions. COL Guyer began his military career in 1986, when he joined the Pennsylvania National Guard. In 1988, COL Guyer graduated from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania with a degree in Education and an Armor Offi-

cer commission as second lieutenant. COL Guyer was first assigned to Company D, 1-103rd Armor in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where he served as Armor platoon leader, company executive officer, and company commander in traditional status.

In 1994, COL Guyer and his wife, Michele, moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where he served in the 2-198 Armor Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) Executive Officer for the 155 Separate Armor Brigade. Additionally, COL Guyer served as the Brigade Logistic Coordinator for the brigade rotation at the National Training Center (NTC), Fort Irwin, California, in the Active Duty for Special Work (ADSW) program.

Entering Title 10 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) status in 1999, COL Guyer was assigned to the Fort Knox Armor School. As an instructor for the team, COL Guyer assisted with the development and execution of the Armor Captain Career Course—Distant Learning. In 2002, COL Guyer was assigned as the deputy chief of the Training Development Division (TDD) at the Fort Knox Armor School, and oversaw the development of all programs of instruction.

From 2003 to 2006, COL Guyer served as the assistant to the commander at the Army Training Support Center (ATSC), Fort Eustis, Virginia. He worked on a wide range of training support issues, including development of distribution plans for training devices for the ARNG, and ensuring Army training support for deploying ARNG units. From March until August 2005, COL Guyer served as the ATSC training support representative (forward), in Kuwait. During this period, COL Guyer was instrumental in fielding laser marksmanship training devices to AC and ARNG units in Afghanistan and Iraq, in accordance with the vice chief of staff of Army guidance. COL Guyer also helped to build long-term training capabilities at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

In 2006, COL Guyer was assigned as the executive officer for the Training Division at the ARNG Readiness Center in Arlington, Virginia. Selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel, COL Guyer was assigned as the chief of the Training Support Branch within the Training Division in February 2007, and was promoted lieutenant colonel in April 2007. Additionally, COL Guyer served as the ARNG lead for the development of the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC), a sub-installation of Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Selected for command, COL Guyer was assigned to be the first commander of the Operations Training Group (OTG) at MUTC. He assumed command on July 1, 2009. The OTG conducted monthly integrated civilian—military field training events to prepare U.S. government civilians to operate with military security in Afghanistan and Iraq. Upon completion of command, COL Guyer was reassigned to the Army G3 in the Collective Training Division (CTD), where he managed active and reserve component training support funding programs.

Following assignment as deputy chief of staff for the deputy commanding general—National Guard at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) headquarters, COL Guyer was selected for promotion to colonel in 2014, and was reassigned to North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and the United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) as Deputy Command Center Director and the Chief of the Support and Crew Operations (SCO) division.

His final assignment prior to retirement was Chief, Strategic Plans Division (SPD), National Guard Bureau, J5. Retired U.S. Army Major (MAJ) Christine Langin, SPD interorganizational strategist & planner, recently said COL Guyer's impact on the SPD cannot be overstated. "His methodical and approachable manner brought the concept of integrating National Guard all hazards support planning to a higher level, across new audiences, and into new sectors," MAJ Langin said. "COL Guyer collaborated with more diversified partners than the NGB had ever done before, while simultaneously strengthening existing partnerships. This effort was critical during the historic hurricane season of 2017, where COL Guyer led the National Guard Bureau Future Plans Center and anticipated the support requirements to all of the impacted states, as well as those states providing response assets. COL Guyer will be long respected and spoken of, particularly when NGB remembers leaders who were given tough problems and always delivered thoughtful solutions."

Colonel (COL) Douglas C. Rose, Jr., NORAD and USNORTHCOM LNO to FEMA Engineer, said COL Guyer distinguished himself throughout his career. COL Rose recommended COL Guyer for the Legion of Merit Award in recognition of his meritorious service. "COL Guyer's service was marked with effective leadership, keen analysis, and superb dedication that proved invaluable to the U.S. Army, the Army National Guard and the National Guard Bureau," COL Rose said. "The singularly distinctive accomplishments of COL Guyer culminate a long and distinguished career in the service of this county and reflect great credit upon himself, the Army National Guard, and the United States Army."

COL Guyer's many awards and decorations include The Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Award, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Service Medal, the Mississippi Magnolia Medal, the Indiana Distinguished Service Medal, the Order of Saint George (Bronze) Medal, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

COL Guyer is a member of the United States Armor Association and the Mississippi Army National Guard Association.

Throughout his career, COL Guyer has been supported by his loving family, including his wife, Michele; and his two daughters, Julia and Madeline.

I am grateful for COL Guyer's service to our great nation. He is a trusted friend. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF LIU XIAOBO AND IN RECOGNITION OF PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE IN CHINA

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the one-year anniversary of the death of Liu Xiaobo, Chinese writer, human rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Renowned as a freedom fighter, he is praised for his long and non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights in China.