

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.

Mr. Xiaobo was instrumental in the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests, one of the most significant protests of communist rule in China.

Throughout his life, his works were banned and censored by the communist Chinese government. Mr. Xiaobo drafted some of the most influential literature to protest Chinese communism including *The Monologues* of a Domsday's Survivor and the October Tenth Declaration and created the Independent Chinese PEN Centre, a nongovernmental, non-profit and nonpartisan organization offering free association for Chinese writers.

Mr. Xiaobo was formally arrested four times by the Chinese government under such charges as "inciting subversion of state power." His works were deemed subversive by the Chinese Communist Party and actively censored. On June 26, 2017, Mr. Xiaobo was released from his prison sentence on medical parole after being diagnosed with terminal liver cancer. Mr. Xiaobo died on July 13, 2017 in Shenyang, China. Many believe his imprisonment greatly contributed to his deteriorating health.

Throughout his life, his work received international recognition as a defender of freedom from groups such as Reporters Without Borders, the Nobel Prize Committee, Hong Kong Human Rights Press, and many others. As a Member of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, I feel especially motivated to bring to light Mr. Xiaobo's work.

Today, many others like Mr. Xiaobo are detained by their government as prisoners of conscience—a person who has been imprisoned for holding political or religious views that are not tolerated by their own government. We are grateful to live in a nation where our freedom of religion, press, speech, right to assemble and petition the government are protected at the highest level. With these remarks, I would like to commemorate a wonderful life dedicated to human rights and political freedom and bring attention to the many others who are threatened with becoming prisoners of conscience.

CONGRATULATING KYLIE MEIER 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 Kylie Meier of the Camdenton Lakers for her first-place finish in the 100m and 300m Hurdles at the 2018 Missouri Class 4 State Track and Field Championship.

Kylie and her 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 Kylie Meier for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on July 11, 2018 due to the Vice Presi-

dent's visit to the First District of Iowa. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 320 and YEA on Roll Call No. 321.

HONORING DOUG MCILROY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable JARED HUFFMAN to honor Doug McIlroy for his commitment to sustainable agriculture and his work to protect the jobs and livelihoods of farmers in our community from overregulation. Mr. McIlroy is being honored with the Luther Burbank Conservation Award by the Sonoma County Farm Bureau.

Mr. McIlroy was born in England and moved with his family to Marin County, California when he was an infant. He developed a passion for agriculture from an early age. He spent his summers driving tractors and picking prunes on his family's Aquarius Ranch near the Russian River in Healdsburg, California. Mr. McIlroy studied at the Santa Rosa Junior College and graduated from the University of California, Davis, with degrees in economics and plant science.

In 2001, Mr. McIlroy was recruited by Rodney Strong Vineyards to manage its estate vineyards and be its Director of Winegrowing. Due in no small part to his leadership, vineyards at Rodney Strong are now 100 percent sustainable. Much like the Sonoma County Winegrowers' mission, Mr. McIlroy's goal is for all of Sonoma County vineyards to be sustainably farmed.

In addition to his work at Rodney Strong Vineyards, Mr. McIlroy also sits on the Board of Directors for Sonoma County Winegrowers, United Winegrowers of Sonoma County and the American Vineyard Foundation. Within these organizations, Mr. McIlroy has worked tirelessly on environmental issues and has been at the forefront of every water issue growers have faced.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. McIlroy is a passionate farmer, environmentalist and scientist who has a record for giving back to our agricultural community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Doug McIlroy here today.

HONORING THE BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce.

In 1900, several Bryan businesspersons recognized the need for a collective organization aimed at improving business in the area. After several months of planning, the Bryan Business League held its first meeting. The organization has been known by many names including the Bryan Commercial Club, the Downtown Bryan Merchants Association, and the Bryan & Brazos Industrial League. In 1918 they settled on another name, the Bryan and

Brazos Chamber of Commerce which is now known as the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce.

Over the years, the Chamber has established itself as one of the best Chambers in the state of Texas, and it has played a large part in the development of the economies of both Bryan and the neighboring community of College Station. Today the Chamber's membership has grown to over 1,500 businesses including Fortune 100 companies, small-to-medium sized business, non-profits, civic organizations, divisions of Texas A&M University, the Texas A&M University System, Blinn College, representatives from local city and county governments, and individual citizens. The Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce unites business, civic, academia and government leaders with leadership focused programs and special events.

Like other Chambers of Commerce across the country, the Bryan/College Station Chamber is the voice of the business community to elected officials of local, state and federal governments. Once a year, members of the Chamber come to Washington to advocate for policies that will help our nation's business owners and employees. I always look forward to hosting the Bryan/College Station Chamber; and my team and I take great pride in making sure they feel welcome and at home.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating the centennial anniversary of the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce and recognizing their years of service to the Brazos Valley. It is an honor for me to represent such an outstanding group of entrepreneurs, local leaders, and visionaries in Congress.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our nation's Capitol to honor the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce on its 100th anniversary.

As I close, I ask everyone to continue praying for our country, our military, and our first responders who selflessly serve and sacrifice to protect us.

CONGRATULATING MIKAYLA REED OF THE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BLUE JAYS

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 Mikayla Reed of the Washington High School Blue Jays for her first-place finish in the 800m, 1600m, 3200m Run at the 2018 Missouri Class 4 State Track and Field Championship.

Mikayla and her 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 Mikayla Reed for a job well done.