

Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, and 1st Cavalry Division DISCOM S3. His following assignment was as the Course Director, Combined Captains Career Course, at Fort Lee, Virginia, from 2002 to 2004.

In 2004, Kirklin returned to Fort Hood, and was again assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division DISCOM, a Deputy Commander while deployed to Taji, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. After re-deployment in March 2005, he assumed command of the 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, at Fort Hood, on 14 July 2005. As commander, he deployed the battalion to Operation Iraqi Freedom 2006–08, Diyala Province, Iraq, and then recovered the unit back to Fort Hood.

After relinquishing Battalion Command in March 2008, he attended the U.S. Army War College, at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. After graduating from the War College in 2009, Kirklin returned to Fort Hood, and assumed command of the 4th Sustainment Brigade on 14 July 2009. He deployed as the 4th Sustainment Brigade to Tallil, Iraq, in support of Operation New Dawn in February 2011. Kirklin redeployed the Brigade from Tallil, Iraq, in December 2011, after serving as the final Sustainment Brigade to close out sustainment and retrograde operations to end Operation New Dawn. In January 2012, Kirklin was assigned to the United States Central Command J4, in Tampa, Florida, as Chief of Current Operations.

Kirklin became the 53rd Commandant of the Quartermaster School on 9 June 2014–June 2016. He was promoted to Brigadier General on 5 December 2014.

In June 2016 MG Kirklin was assigned as the Director of Operations, G–4 3/5/7, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–4 at the Pentagon, Washington, followed by assignment as Deputy Chief of Staff, G–4 U.S. Army Forces Command.

MG Kirklin was decorated and received many awards which includes: the National Defense Service Medal; Legion of Merit (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Bronze Star Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Meritorious Service Medal (4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Achievement Medal; Iraqi Campaign Medal; Global War of Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War of Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Army Overseas Service Ribbon; Combat Action Badge; and Parachutist Badge. MG Kirklin was also recognized in a journal article: Top Black Officers in the U.S. Military: US Black Engineer and Information Technology; Vol. 41, No. 4 (WINTER 2017), pp. 240–75; Published by the Career Communications Group.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Major General Ronald Kirklin for his amorous, dedicated and superior loyalty to our community in the 2nd Congressional District, the U.S. of America and U.S. Army since 1988 to the present. We salute Major General Ronald Kirklin for his accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING COACH DALE GILDEHAUS OF ST. FRANCIS BORGIA HIGH SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON, MISSOURI ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Dale Gildehaus of St. Francis Borgia High School in Washington, Missouri on his well-deserved induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Coach Gildehaus has a longstanding career of 32 years as head football coach at St. Francis Borgia High School. Throughout the years, Coach Gildehaus has approached football as much more than just a game about wins and losses. It's about faith, family, his players and coaches, and the entire Washington, MO community. As a graduate of St. Francis Borgia, Coach Gildehaus has the unique connection to the town and understands the importance of a coach who cares about his team on and off the football field. His ultimate goal is to teach positive leadership and influence his team to also develop positive leadership mindsets to carry into their personal lives and help them be successful in whatever they choose to do.

As Coach Gildehaus enters his 32nd year, he boasts a whopping 252 wins. Among those wins is a Class 3 state championship in 1993. In 1995, he was honored with the Jimmy Conzelman Coach of the Year by the National Football Foundation. Despite his impressive record, Coach Gildehaus often credits the many coaches who have impacted his life: Coaches Rinne, Scanlan, and Flanagan each demanded discipline, respect, and hard work—the same lessons that Coach Gildehaus instills in his football players today.

After high school, Coach Gildehaus went on to play football at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri where he earned induction to the Truman State Hall of Fame. After graduating he spent four years at Union High School before moving to his current position at St. Francis Borgia. This impressive football career has been acknowledged by the Missouri Football Coaches Association in 2007 with an induction into their Hall of Fame. In 2014, the Missouri Football Coaches Association also honored him with the Pete Adkins Power of Influence in Football Award.

Throughout the years, Coach Gildehaus has always been supported by his loving wife, Beth, and their children, Christopher, Sandi, and Stacy. His granddaughter, Anna, said it best: “whether it is on the field, around school, at home, or around town you can always count on Grandpa to have a smile on his face”. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Gildehaus on his incredible career and induction to the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

RISE: MISSION ACCOMPLISHED IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE AT THE PASSING OF OUR 41ST PRESIDENT PRESIDENT GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a poem by Albert Carey Caswell:

Our tears are deep  
In hearts of the love which speak  
As no longer upon this earth to keep  
You, as its for you Timber Wolf we now so weep  
With sadness and tears of joy so sweet  
For heaven is full of such men of grace  
Who stand strong in all of their love and courage, and in all their service and faith, in what they've faced  
And for whom our Nation have so bled, for that old Red, White, and Blue each day they wake in how they've led  
Who give, not take  
For you George,  
America Son our Lord holds so a place  
As an Angel who will watch over us, because of your service and faith  
“A Patriot's plane was shot from the sky”  
“Would this brave heart live or die?”  
“What was to be?”  
“When, the Lord reached down and pulled this man from the sea”

George, Rise  
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED  
Rise up to heaven with tears in your eyes  
To be with your family, and to watch over us as another “point of light”, by our Lord's side  
As Ronald, George, Abraham, Martin, Thomas, Rosa, Sonny, Lee, and Jack are looking forward to having with you such quality time  
Sadly, with us your time on Earth is over, realized  
But, left behind is your life Mr Incredible, a remarkable legacy which can't be denied  
As a Patriot of Peace, who to do his best always strived  
Armed with a golden heart of strength, to conquer every mountain you had to climb  
And a resume second to none history will find  
But, to you your greatest accomplishment of all, was as a Husband, as a Father, as a Son, and as a Grandfather we saw  
Just look at your magnificent family standing there in awe  
As you children were so blessed, for a child to become whole, to bring peace and love to their soul, they need a Father's Love  
But, right now history is in our face, and as it moves away from us, one of the greatest Presidents will stand in its place  
Bringing down that Berlin Wall in Europe, and the cold war to communism erase  
Drawing that line in sand “this aggression shall stand” in evil's face  
As you knew when to stop to save precious lives, all part of your grace  
While, carrying the heaviest of all burdens of life and death, a President must face  
When Bush Comes To Shove, as precious lives you would not waste  
While, domestically too such a high place  
And though you were a giant in stature so very great, it was your kind and humble heart above all the others we placed

Who all along the way touched every woman,  
child, and man with your grace  
And became The Father of All Letter Writers  
through the decades at such a prolific  
pace  
With your photographic memory where noth-  
ing erased  
A real American hero who the accolades  
upon him would not let them place  
An a American sportsman of the highest  
order, as competition and fun as ever  
you chased  
As you and your buddy Arnold stressed, the  
importance of fitness to our children to  
embrace  
And being around and on the sea, your soul  
was so graced  
While, in your boat like a bat out of hell all  
around Kennebunkport you raced  
Jumping out of a helicopter at 90 as Father  
Time could not keep pace  
Born of wealth, privilege, and prestige you  
could have led a life of such ease paced  
Raised by a great Mother and Father who  
watched, their work of art to public  
service race  
And like the cowboy and pioneer you were  
and became, out to the West with your  
Bar to your new love TEXAS as oilman  
to stake your claim  
And after great success realizing that it was  
in public service your heart should re-  
main  
Rising up to Congress, Vice President, to  
President to be the best not looking for  
fame  
With your life's creed of God, Family, and  
Country became your life's refrain  
As A Man For All Seasons, for so many rea-  
sons your lessons to all of our children  
we must train  
Part of the greatest generation as a warrior  
Saving The World as back home you  
came  
As you were always A Man On A Mission, to  
bless our Nation and World with your  
wise decisions, time and again  
And now George it is time  
Rise, rise up to heaven with tears in your  
eyes  
As the love of your life Barbara, and your  
precious little girl Robin you'll find  
"Daddy its been so long" and Bar says "now  
were all together where we belong"  
And don't worry George you don't have to  
eat broccoli in heaven all day long  
That's the other place where the bad ones be-  
long  
As our Lord says,  
"George, and you never let me down",  
"I'm so glad I pulled you From The Sea  
where I found, on the wings of a dove"  
Rise, up to heaven my son  
At Ease your time on earth is done  
As a new Angel in The Army of Our Lord in  
heaven mission has just begun  
RISE, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED my son

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HONORING JOHN HATTEr

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recog-  
nize a longtime member of my staff, John Hat-  
ter, for his work in my office and his service  
to our state.

John has been on our team from the very  
beginning, serving as our Director of Con-  
stituent Services. In this role, John is respon-  
sible for managing our constituent services  
program, coordinating the 6th Congressional

District Veterans Advisory Committee, and  
leading the 6th Congressional District Military  
Service Academy Nomination Board, which  
nominates young Hoosiers to serve at the  
United States Military Service Academies.

On a personal note, I admire John's loyalty,  
intellect and work ethic. He has been a valu-  
able member of our team, and I have no  
doubt John's future is very bright. I want to  
thank John for his friendship and his hard  
work in our office. I wish him, Katia, and the  
kids continued success in all that God has  
planned for their family.

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COLORADO YOUNG FARMERS EDU-  
CATIONAL ASSOCIATION 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to rec-  
ognize the 50th anniversary of the Colorado  
Young Farmers Educational Association  
(CYFEA). Since its founding, the organization  
has strongly supported Coloradans who are  
involved or interested in the agricultural indus-  
try.

CYFEA provides industry cooperation, edu-  
cational programs, community service and rec-  
reational opportunities for all individuals. With  
upwards of 200 members, the organization  
provides resources for producers and con-  
sumers. A half-century after its inception  
CYFEA continues to honor Colorado's rich ag-  
ricultural roots.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congres-  
sional District of Colorado, I extend my con-  
gratulations and best wishes to the Colorado  
Young Farmers Educational Association. We  
look forward to their continued success.

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RECOGNIZING DOWNTOWN AURORA  
VISUAL ARTS

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor  
to rise today to recognize Downtown Aurora  
Visual Arts. This non-profit organization located  
in my hometown of Aurora, Colorado provides  
art education courses for students of all ages.  
Originally founded in 1993, Downtown Aurora  
Visual Arts has become a place for children  
and young people to fuel their creativity and to  
develop character through an artistic avenue.

For the younger artists, Downtown Aurora  
Visual Arts' OASIS Studio program introduces  
them to pottery, sculpture, and a variety of  
other art projects. Doing so allows their imagi-  
nation to grow. The development of imagina-  
tion is incredibly important to the overall devel-  
opment of children. Such programs are espe-  
cially important after school and during the  
summer months when children are not in  
school.

Another program, 'Job Training in the Arts'  
familiarizes middle and high school students  
with the critical workforce skills needed to suc-  
ceed in a real job. It emphasizes teamwork,  
respect, personal responsibility, and the devel-

opment of problem-solving skills in the work-  
place. The programs that Downtown Aurora  
Visual Arts provides promote positive youth  
development and encourage students to ad-  
dress issues and concepts that personally im-  
pact them.

I am very proud to note that Downtown Au-  
rora Visual Arts was awarded the 2014 Na-  
tional Arts and Humanities Youth Program  
Award. This award serves as the nation's  
highest honor for out-of-school arts and hu-  
manities programs focused on America's  
young people. Additionally, I would like to rec-  
ognize the leadership of the Executive Director  
Susan Jenson who was awarded 2018 Arts  
and Society Award from the Bonfils Stanton  
Foundation.

Organizations like Downtown Aurora Visual  
Arts help make the city of Aurora, and our  
greater community the wonderful place it is  
today. I am honored to salute Downtown Au-  
rora Visual Arts' achievements and look for-  
ward to its continued success in the years to  
come.

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RECOGNIZING SEAN KOTARO  
O'NEILL

**HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise  
today to express my appreciation to U.S. For-  
eign Service Officer Sean O'Neill for his ser-  
vice as a Department of State Fellow on the  
Committee on Foreign Affairs. I commend  
Sean for his many years of faithful service to  
our nation and his work on our Committee  
during the 114th and 115th Congresses. Sean  
has strengthened America's national security,  
enhanced the relationship between the Con-  
gress and the Department of State, and re-  
flected credit upon the United States Foreign  
Service.

Sean made substantial contributions to our  
efforts to address the most significant foreign  
policy issues facing our nation. From combat-  
ting transnational crime and terrorism to de-  
fending democracy and human rights around  
the world, Sean's experience and judgment  
have been invaluable in helping craft sound  
policies to promote our national security and  
economic prosperity.

Sean has also been an effective advocate  
for the brave men and women of the Depart-  
ment of State who serve our country honor-  
ably around the world. Since the founding of  
our country, our diplomats have served Amer-  
ica in some of the most difficult and dan-  
gerous places on earth. Sean has heightened  
the Committee's understanding of the impor-  
tant and difficult work our diplomats do and  
enhanced our oversight of the Department and  
its critical national security mission.

Sean combines a keen eye for strategic pol-  
icy and practitioner's understanding of how to  
effectively implement that policy. He has  
earned the respect of Members of Congress  
and staff and developed enduring working re-  
lationships across Capitol Hill. It has been a  
pleasure to have Sean serve on my staff and  
I wish him well as he continues his service to  
our nation.