

wife Lisa, their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as all past and present employees of N.K. Hurst Company, and all others who mourn his passing.

CONGRATULATING BRIAN HINTZ
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT OF
GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 10, 2020

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brian Hintz on his well-earned retirement from the Grapevine Police Department after more than twenty years of dedicated service.

Brian is a hardworking and highly respected Senior Officer at the Grapevine Police Department. He has honorably served as an officer in the state of Texas since beginning his distinguished career with the Midland Police Department in August of 1990. During his time in Midland, Brian served as a K-9 officer along with his K-9 partners, Lex and Rio.

In 1999, Brian joined the Grapevine Police Department where he has served for more than two decades with the K-9 unit. Attaining the rank of Senior Officer, Brian has received numerous recognitions throughout his career, including the 2014 Medal of Valor and the 2016 Life Saving Award. Furthermore, Brian, along with his K-9 partners Darby and Brinkley, have won numerous K-9 competition awards, advancing to the United States Police Canine Association Nationals. Brian's commitment to service is apparent through these outstanding achievements, and his dedication to continuing his law enforcement career is demonstrated through the 6,791 training hours that he has accumulated.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the exhaustive work that Brian has contributed

to the City of Grapevine and the state of Texas. I applaud his work and ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Senior Officer Brian Hintz for his many years of service.

5G DEPLOYMENT AND CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL STAKE HOLDERS

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 10, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, this week the House considers important pieces of legislation related to the global race to 5G. 5G is the newest iteration of wireless technology, and as telecommunications companies and service providers begin deploying their digital cellular networks, I want to take a moment to discuss an important aspect of the 5G rollout: consultation with local governments and homeowners.

Last year, the 5G rollout began in my district in parts of Baton Rouge. The utility poles needed to support the new small wireless facilities and other 5G infrastructure are being installed in public rights of way in front of homes. While it is absolutely an economic and national security priority to win the race to 5G, it is vital that Congress consider the impact that this rollout will have on communities across America.

In June, I sent a letter to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai outlining my concerns and urging service providers to work closely with local stake holders as they install this new technology infrastructure.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter to the FCC from June 13, 2019.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 13, 2019.

Hon. AJIT PAI,
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN PAI: Recently, telecommunications service providers have begun installing the new wireless broadband infrastructure that is necessary to support 5G in cities across America, including Baton Rouge. While I share your appreciation for the tremendous role that technology plays, both in the economy and in the lives of its users, I am concerned by the roll out of these small-cell facilities in homes and neighborhoods across my district.

A technological transformation of 5G's magnitude requires a massive support structure, but that deployment cannot come at the expense of property values and neighborhood aesthetics, especially in historic communities. America's 5G leadership is an important national priority, but even a national priority demands consultation with local stakeholders. I respectfully ask you to encourage wireless carriers to collaborate with municipalities on the placement and design of these new transmission systems.

Additionally, recent reports by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) suggest that the 5G network could interfere with satellite data, reducing the accuracy of weather forecasting by as much as 30 percent. I urge you to work closely with the NOAA, NASA, and any other stakeholders to investigate any potential effects of 5G on our nation's ability to forecast and prepare for severe weather events.

As the FCC continues to oversee the deployment of the 5G network, we must remember that the rollout is not happening in isolation. It is crucial to consider the effects that these innovations will have on existing technologies and communities across America. Thank you for your prompt attention to these important issues.

Sincerely,

GARRET GRAVES,
Member of Congress.