

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL
TY SPRADLIN

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senior Airman Michael Ty Spradlin of Bryan, Texas, who passed way on 5 February 2020. Known as Ty to his family and friends, he was killed in a motorcycle accident at Yokota Air Force Base in Japan.

Ty was born 5 March 1991 in Wheelock, Texas, to Theresa Lynn Spradlin and Michael Todd Spradlin. He graduated from Bryan High School in 2009 and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2012.

Over his 8 years of service in the United States Air Force, Ty worked as a crew chief on a variety of C-130 aircraft. He traveled to many countries and enjoyed the opportunity to see the world.

During his service, Ty traveled to the Philippines, Australia, Thailand, Kuwait, and Korea. He served at three different squadrons over those 8 years, including: the 353rd Special Operations Group, Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, Japan; the 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, AZ; and the 374th Maintenance Squadron, Yokota Air Force Base, Japan.

Senior Airman Spradlin bravely served his country, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American military history. Ty was not only a proud public servant; he was a friend to all, a loving son, a brother, and an uncle.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Spradlin family.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Senior Airman Michael Ty Spradlin.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women, and for our first responders who protect us at home.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167; NAY on Roll Call No. 168; NAY on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; NAY on Roll Call No. 171; and NAY on Roll Call No. 172.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on S. 2163, the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act, a critical piece of legislation that would establish

a Commission to conduct a systematic study of the conditions affecting Black men and boys, report on the community impacts of relevant government programs, and make recommendations. I am a cosponsor of the House companion measure and support the legislation.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LAW
ENFORCEMENT

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Nine years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Dedication and Professionalism: Sergeant Jeremy Beal of the Sarasota International Airport Police Department, Deputy Michael Watson of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, Officer Joshua Betts of the Holmes Beach Police Department and Grade One Detective Jay Gow of the City of Bradenton Police Department.

Career Service Award: Officer Daniel Griesdorn of the City of Sarasota Police Department.

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Officer Ronald Dixon of the City of Sarasota Police Department and Deputy Richard Snyder of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Preservation of Life Award: Officer Robert Dodge, Officer Jaime Morrison, Officer Brandon Vermillion of the City of Sarasota Police Department, Deputy Tara Burge, Deputy Joseph Paavilainen, Deputy Antonio Starnes, Deputy Ian Clark and Sergeant Angel Posada-Wilcher of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Unit Citation Award: City of Sarasota Police Department Narcotics Unit, including Captain John Todd, Lieutenant Scott Mayforth, Sergeant Thomas Quinlan, Detective Ryanne Coppinger, Detective Travis Forrister, Detective Chase Gloeckner, Detective Ed Howell, Detective John Lake, Detective Juan Sanchez and Detective Douglas Vollmer.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WAYNE
PURSELLEY

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Alvie W. "Wayne" Purselley of Waco, Texas, who passed away on 29 February 2020.

Wayne was born on 27 June 1932 in Loving, Texas, to Herman and Ida Purselley. He attended Texas A&M University and, upon graduation, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force, ultimately serving for 22 years. He flew 6,000 hours as navigator and served as a missile launch officer before retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Wayne became a teacher and planetarium director for Richfield High School in Waco, where he wrote and taught the "Christ Revealed in the Stars" lecture series for many years.

Wayne was a dedicated member of Highland Baptist Church for 45 years, where he served in both leadership and teaching roles. In addition to his many roles within the church community, Wayne served as the president of the local Military Officers Association of America, Waco chapter, as well as the chairman of the McLennan County Republican Club.

Wayne served our country and community for many years, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American history.

Wayne was a committed and faithful husband to his wife, Barbara; a loving father; a committed teacher; a mentor; a community servant; and a friend to many.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Purselley family.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Wayne Purselley.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING MIKE McQUAID

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mike McQuaid, who passed away on July 25, 2020. A man of deep faith, Mike was a committed advocate for people experiencing homelessness in our community and transformed our approach to serving those in need. His empathy and focus on human dignity serve as an example to all of us, and Arizona is a kinder, more just place for his presence among us.

After a successful career in commercial real estate, Mike devoted himself to serving members of our community experiencing homelessness. What began as serving hot meals through a church community service project turned into using his professional expertise to create a comprehensive campus that would