

CONGRATULATING BLAKE HURST  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2020*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker I rise today to recognize my friend and fellow Missourian, Blake Hurst who will be retiring as president of the Missouri Farm Bureau later this year.

Blake raises corn, soybeans and flowers with his family and as a farmer himself, knows firsthand the challenges Missouri farmers face, like devastating floods and changing trade tides. Because of this personal knowledge, Blake has been able to dutifully serve Missouri farmers and ranchers in this post for a decade, and in several other positions at the Missouri Farm Bureau since the 1980's.

With two-thirds of Missouri covered in farmland, we are home to a longstanding agricultural tradition that is alive and well today. I am extremely grateful that he has spent the last ten years as one of the lead advocates, supporters and resources for our state's ag industry, both in Missouri and on a national level. The Missouri Farm Bureau is the oldest in the nation and we have been incredibly fortunate to have Blake at the helm for the last ten years.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and my fellow Missouri farmers, I thank him for his service and wish him all the best on his future endeavors.

HONORING DETECTIVE JONATHAN  
R. MILLER AS A RECIPIENT OF  
THE VALOR AWARD

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2020*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize City of Fayetteville Police Department Detective Jonathan R. Miller as a recipient of the Public Safety Valor Award, presented annually by the Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Award is a prestigious honor presented to men and women of the Fayetteville region who perform acts of heroism under extreme risk. An outstanding member of Fayetteville Police Department, Detective Miller went beyond his call of duty on the evening of Tuesday, August 29, 2019.

While driving over a bridge, Detective Miller witnessed a driver lose consciousness at the wheel and swerve into oncoming traffic. He saw a woman in the other lane attempt to avert the oncoming vehicle and jumped into immediate action. Detective Miller pulled over and successfully stopped the moving vehicle before impact. After securing the scene, he called for medical assistance for the unconscious driver.

Detective Miller is a hero and that night he prevented not only a head on collision, but also a possible second tragedy from occurring. His quick actions, bravery, and dedication to service is a credit to him, his family, and the entire Fayetteville Police Department. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I

say we are truly grateful for his unwavering service and cannot thank him enough.

Detective Miller is deserving of this honor, and I would like to extend my most sincere appreciation and wish him success as he continues to protect our communities.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating City of Fayetteville Police Department Detective Jonathan R. Miller for receiving the Public Safety Valor Award.

HONORING THE WORK OF DESIGN  
LAB BY LOCKER ROOM ATHLETICS  
IN THE FIGHT AGAINST  
COVID-19

**HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2020*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional work of Design Lab by Locker Room Athletics. This local Hot Springs business has adapted their existing manufacturing to produce customized masks for organizations to continue operations during COVID-19.

When many of Locker Room Athletics' customers began to see the effects of the pandemic, they reached out to this local business to produce masks that could keep employees safe while continuing to work. By converting their manufacturing capabilities, Locker Room Athletics now serves small businesses, local school districts, corporations, and government agencies across the nation.

It is work like this that truly sets them apart as heroes in a time of national crisis. Not only does their service protect the health of their fellow man, but it also provides a way for families to continue working, for businesses to continue running, and for the economy to continue growing.

It is an honor to see work like this happening down the street in Hot Springs, Arkansas. I take this time to thank them for their service to our community and for providing an example to the rest of the nation of what true servant-leadership is.

HONORING PARAMEDIC HUNTER  
FOX AS A RECIPIENT OF THE  
VALOR AWARD

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2020*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cape Fear Valley Emergency Medical Services Paramedic Hunter Fox as a recipient of the Public Safety Valor Award, presented annually by the Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Award is a prestigious honor presented to men and women of the Fayetteville region who perform acts of heroism under extreme risk. An outstanding member of Cape Fear Valley EMS, Mr. Fox went beyond his call of duty on March 23, 2020.

When his ambulance was overturned following a collision with a privately owned motor vehicle, Mr. Fox took command of the scene. In an act of heroic selflessness, he rendered

aid to his partner, an EMS student, and the critically injured driver of the other vehicle. Working in conjunction with other EMS units, he successfully triaged all injured individuals and ensured that exceptional care was provided.

Mr. Fox's quick actions, bravery, and dedication to service is a credit to him, his family, and Cape Fear Valley EMS. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I say we are truly grateful for his unwavering service and cannot thank him enough.

Mr. Fox is deserving of this honor, and I would like to extend my most sincere appreciation and wish him success as he continues to protect our communities.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Cape Fear Valley EMS Paramedic Hunter Fox for receiving the Public Safety Valor Award.

CELEBRATING THE RELEASE OF  
FIRST SERGEANT JOHN E.  
HATLEY

**HON. RALPH NORMAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2020*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the release of First Sergeant John E. Hatley from Fort Leavenworth.

First Sergeant Hatley is an American hero who, throughout his twenty years of service, risked his life for his country time and time again. His outstanding military career as a soldier and leader in the U.S. Army is recognized by two Bronze Stars and an Army Commendation Medal for Valor—a true testament of his commitment to his country and his fellow soldiers.

First Sergeant Hatley was sentenced for the premeditated murder of four Shi'ite fighters in Iraq despite the complete absence of evidence. Not a single scrap of physical or forensic evidence was found in a thorough investigation conducted by the Army Criminal Investigation Division. Notwithstanding this paucity of evidence, First Sergeant Hatley has been imprisoned for nearly a decade.

Throughout his time at Fort Leavenworth, First Sergeant Hatley has availed himself of programs available within the barracks for self-improvement, and he has nearly completed a Master of Business Administration degree. He also consistently maintained a positive attitude, led other inmates by example, and even saved a fellow inmate's life.

First Sergeant Hatley is a man with strong family support, a stellar military record, a phenomenal moral compass, and an essentially perfect record while incarcerated. His career was characterized by honor, sacrifice, and valor. Now that he will return to his rightful place in life as a contributing member of society, First Sergeant Hatley is planning to build a home for his disabled mother and father. He also plans to marry his girlfriend, Pamela Miller.

John, I hope that you may continue to serve as an example to other soldiers and the American people. Thank you for your outstanding service to this country. I wish you the best of luck as you return to your proper place in society, and I wish you a lifetime of happiness in your future marriage and life.