IN RECOGNITION OF THE VALOR OF CLAY R. KING

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to stand before you today and recognize Clay R. King for his dedicated service as a Transportation Security Screener at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in my district. As a frequent traveler, I am thankful for the bravery and sacrifice provided by individuals like Mr. King.

This year, Clay King was named the Transportation Security Administration’s DFW Screener of the Year for his extraordinary performance while serving as both a Transportation Security Screener and a Lead Transportation Security Screener.

Clay King’s valor, professionalism and dedication to the TSA mission was recognized by his peers, TSA/DFW staff and myself. Mr. King’s commitment to security is not just part of his job but a part of his life as evidenced by a recent event where his knowledge and skills in emergencies were needed.

While driving to work on March 7, 2004, he noticed an automobile that was engulfed in flames. Without hesitation, he pulled over to render aid. As he approached the burning car, he saw a man, unconscious and trapped, on the driver’s side of the car. Lacking regard for his own safety, Clay King opened the door and wrestled the driver out of the burning wreck. By doing so, he saved a life.

I rise today to honor the 2004 Lumen Christi Titans, who on November 27, 2004, won their 7th State Championship Title at the Pontiac Silverdome in Pontiac, Michigan.

I rise today to honor the 2004 Lumen Christi Titans: Tyler Aldridge, Josh Badall, Alex Belfey, Eddie Bellers, Michael Berkemeier, Andrew Biskupski, Mike Blair, Blake Brannick, Patrick Brogan, Corey Burrus, Mike Calderone, B.J. Carter, Conor Coffman, Daniel Coolbaugh, Blake Davis, Trevor Elinski, Eric Ewing, Andy Flippo, Ken Gallant, Golden Gibson, Ben Gier, John Guerreo, Evan Hagan, Andy Horney, Andrew Idziak, Tony Jarzynka, Corey Johnson, Kyle Johnstone, Doug Karasek, Guy Kennedy, Brent Kuntz, Stephen Kutyna, Ryan LaMarre, Mark Lathers, Marty Lozier, Nick Lefere, Dan Lusty, Nick Maes, Joe Marcantel, Trevor Markovich; Sean Miller, Tyler Moran, Josh McGowan; Tony Panici, Michael Patchak, Brad Polnasek, Ken Powers, Marc Powers, Ryan Powers, Joe Putra, John Riley, Phil Riley, Kent Richardson, Sean Richardson, Michael Risner, Jon Ryan, Jeremy Sauter, Brent Schaefer, Corey Skinner, Abram Soper, Alex Soper, Kyle Strong, Kelly Thompson, Sean Thompson, Brandon Vinson, Derek Walker, Mark Warfield, Chris Weeks, Matt Weeks, Terrell Willis, Terrence Willis, Jeff Wojtusik; Managers Coley Crowley and Christopher Gaddy, Trainer Todd Sparks and Assistant Trainer Sarah Duffy.

These fine young men were coached by Head Coach Herb Brogan, and Assistant Coaches Mike Armeli, Sean Brogan, Ken Dillon, Ted Cole, Dick Corser, Dan Crowley, Jason Idziak, Pete Lefere, Joff Marcantel, Matt Reesor, Frank Slaby, Tim Sullivan, Jerry Sykes, Mike Tash, and Joe Williams.

Led by Team Captains Doug Karasek, Luke Jarzynka, and B.J. Carter, these 72 young men worked diligently throughout the season to achieve this laudable goal. Despite a difficult start to the season, the Titans continued to work as a team and won 9 consecutive games to win the title. The Titans have been Division V State champs four of the last five years, and have won three of those titles with no points scored against them. The Titans are the only team in Michigan that has won more than six State titles during the last 25 years without losing a single State championship title game.

This honor is also a testament to the parents, students, and community who have supported and influenced this team and this program throughout the years. I am proud to join with their family, friends and fans in extending my highest praise and congratulations to the 2004 Lumen Christi Titans for their outstanding football season.