

IN HONOR OF MRS. LINDA
STEIGLER

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mrs. Linda Steigler, a teacher at Welch Middle School in the 25th Congressional District, who this Thursday will be honored at the last concert of the school year by her eighth-grade band students.

Mrs. Steigler's dedication to her band students has been boundless. Parents of the members of the Welch Middle School band will tell you that her positive influence on her students' futures are immeasurable. Mrs. Steigler's instruction and passion for music bring education to life for her students, and her outstanding efforts deserve recognition.

Mrs. Steigler inspires her students with the power of music. Her instruction taps into music's potential to enhance human development and speed up the learning process. She gives the Welch Middle School band students a leg-up in their education through musical instruction that will last their entire lives. The diversity and talent of her band students is an admirable sight to behold.

Mrs. Steigler has had students compete and place in various music competitions. She has worked to get music scholarships at Mars Music Store for students, awarding them with free music lessons and instruments for those who could not afford them. She has held various fundraisers to support the students on field trips, allowing them to broaden their experiences through travel that they could not otherwise afford. She inspires them to go to music camps during the summer, and to work

hard at their music—some students arrive at school early just for additional practice. She often works single-handed and tirelessly to spread the gift of music.

It is the involvement and support of dedicated teachers such as Mrs. Steigler at Welch Middle School that reaps ever-lasting rewards for these young people on their paths to adulthood. Studies have shown that children who take music score higher on standardized tests than students who are never taught an instrument. When students learn music, there is an overlap that occurs in nearly all subjects.

I, along with the Eighth-grade members of the Welch Middle School Band, salute Mrs. Linda Steigler for her accomplishments and her commitment to teaching. She is an outstanding role model for her students, parents, and other teachers.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NEIL
HARBER ON HIS APPOINTMENT
TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES
MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

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Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, today I pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Neil Harber of Bascom, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Mr. Speaker, Neil's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2004. Attending one of our nation's

military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Neil brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of West Point cadets. While attending Hopewell-Loudon High School in Bascom, Neil has attained a grade point average of 3.97, which places him sixth in his class of sixty-five students. Neil is an Honor Roll member, and has received the Honor Award for Spanish, English, History, and Biology. Neil has received Scholastic Awards in Baseball and has been recognized for his academic efforts at Tiffin University.

Outside the classroom, Neil has performed very well on the fields of competition and has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete. Neil has earned letters in Varsity Football, Basketball, and Baseball. In addition, Neil was named Captain of both the Varsity Football and Basketball teams this year. Neil was named the Hopewell-Loudon Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year in 1998–1999. Neil has also been active in Student Council, Choir, Traveling Ensemble, and Quiz Bowl. He was a delegate to Buckeye Boys' State and currently serves as Vice President of the Senior Class.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Neil Harber. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Neil will do very well during his career at West Point and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.