EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LEWIE BYERS FOR "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" AWARD

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2008

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize community leader Lewie Byers for being named "Citizen of the Year" by the Rusk Chamber of Commerce.

Lewie is a prominent member of the Rusk community and exemplifies what it means to be a model citizen. Lewie is the president of the Rusk branch of Texas National Bank, but manages to find time to serve his community in civic organizations including the Rusk Chamber of Commerce, the Rusk Industrial Foundation and is a member of the Rusk City Council. In addition, Lewie is a member of the Rusk Lions Club and was on the East Texas Council of Boy Scouts. Most importantly, Lewie is a devoted husband and proud father of four.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize

Lewie Byers for generously offering his time and talents to serve his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, February 8, 2008

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 27. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 27.

IN HONOR OF THE OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT TODD SMALL

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 8, 2008

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of our most dedicated Air

Force noncommissioned officers, Chief Master Sergeant Todd Small on the occasion of his departure from Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, as the Command Chief, Ninth Air Force and United States Central Command Air Forces.

In these capacities, Chief Small was the senior enlisted man charged with facilitating the development, training, and readiness of over 50,000 airmen within the Ninth Air Force and the United States Central Commands' areas of operations. Chief Small was a frontline leader, who traversed more than 5,400 miles, across 11 countries, to enhance the mission of the airmen deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom

Chief Small has truly answered the call of duty to his country and his community. I join the men and women of Shaw Air Force Base in honoring Chief Small, his wife Frankie, and their children Chelsea and Aaron, for their dedication and commitment to the Air Force, and I wish Chief Small the best in his new position as the Command Chief to the United States Space Command.