career at the Sheriff's Department as a legal clerk in the county jail. She was later promoted to Community Service Officer in 2005, followed by a 2007 promotion to Crime Scene Investigator. Mary Ann served the Sheriff's Office with honor and distinction.

Mary Ann was the epitome of a public servant. She always strived for excellence and had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and self-improvement in the field of forensics and crime scene investigation. She was a shining example of what an employee of the Sheriff's Office should be: competent and courageous, tenacious and tough, brave and dedicated, yet understanding and compassionate to those who needed a helping hand. Mary Ann was also an active community member; she was a den mother for the cub scouts, did local charity work, and loved supporting local sports organizations.

Mary Ann received multiple commendations from peers, supervisors and citizens, including recognition for her forensic work leading to the arrest and conviction of those who victimize the innocent. In one of her many cases, Mary Ann was assisting the Robbery-Homicide Team in taking crime scene photographs for two different search warrant locations. She maintained a positive attitude despite the very detailed and complex case. Even after a long, hard day at work, she still took the time to talk to the neighborhood children who were curious about what she was doing. She showed them her equipment, how to look for latent fingerprint evidence, and told them all about Crime Scene Investigators. This is reflective of Mary's character and her dedicated service to the Sheriff's Office and the community.

Mary Ann was a loving mother, sister, daughter, aunt, and cousin. Her smile lit up the room and her laughter was contagious. Her grace, beauty, friendship, humor, intelligence and compassion were all attributes that made her so endearing.

Mary Ann is survived by her son Jake Lewis Hassler; her parents Janice and Robert Pence and Jack and Mary Donahou; her sisters Jennifer Horne, Melinda Donahou-Sneed, Lori Donahou, and Teresa Brockman; her loving companion Eugene Day; three nieces; four nephews; and six great-nephews.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and remembering the outstanding contributions made to law enforcement by Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Investigator Mary Ann Donahou. The life of Mary Ann serves as an example of excellence to those in our community, and her legacy will not be soon forgotten.

HONORING CHAPEL HILL HIGH SCHOOL 2011 TEXAS CLASS 3A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2012

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize and congratulate the Chapel Hill Bulldogs on a stellar high school football season in 2011 that culminated with their winning the 2011 Texas Class 3A State Football Championship. As a result of extraordinary teamwork and athletic prowess, the undefeated Chapel Hill Bulldogs captured the State title over the powerful Alvarado Indians with a final score of 20–19.

Last year, the Chapel Hill Bulldogs showed extraordinary heart by winning all the way to the championship resulting in a runner up position. Though most teams would be proud of getting that far, Chapel Hill players and coaches set their sights on going all the way back to the finals and coming back to east Texas with a State Championship trophy. The Bulldogs had to defeat some outstanding football teams simply to get an opportunity to get to a playoff game.

Not only did they get to the playoffs, they finished the season with an unbeaten and untied record of 15–0. The team became known as the ''Cardiac Pack'' because the last four games were won with heart-stopping gallantry late in the game. Such was the case in the game leading up to the state final, played against West Columbia in which Chapel Hill won in the last 8.2 seconds of the game. Following that nail-biter, the ''Cardiac Pack'' Bulldogs fought hard and came out victorious by one point in the final game making them state champions. Although this was the Bulldogs twelfth playoff appearance since 1969, this was the team's second football State Championship, the first being in 1989.

The Chapel Hill Bulldogs' 2011 championship success is a tribute to the Coach, who brought his team back for another chance at victory, as well as a tribute to the players and all who assisted them along the way. Such championship did not come without vast preparation beginning with off-season fitness, hot wearisome August workouts, coach preparations late into the night and weekend, insightful scouting and video research of opposing teams, unrivaled discipline, selfless teamwork, learning and executing football fundamentals, all encompassed by an unwavering determination to reach the highest goal achievable in Texas football—one that will never be forgotten as long as there is a Texas.

The lessons learned about teamwork and discipline should help carry everyone who played, coached, and assisted in knowing that whatever the obstacles that may lie ahead in life, they can overcome and be champions.

A tribute goes out to all of the athletic staff including Athletic Director and Head Coach Thomas Sitton, and Coaches Chris Taber, Jason Holman, Wes Schminkey, Sam Brandt, Jeremy Loyd, Brad Baca, Juan Silva, Kenneth Cook, Patrick Davis, Robert Sampson, Justin McCowin, Bill Toon, John Pyle, Kenneth Johnson, and Jon Sheppard.

The tribute to the team that accomplished this great feat goes to the football team members consisting of Tre Allen, Jay Reagan, Raeshuiwn Mumphrey, Nelson Onwuzu, Wesley Thompson, Jalen Williams, Deaveron Dean, Avery Henderson, Kevin Garcia, Patrick Day, Kendall Beal, Jason Hill, Tyler Brown, Avery Saenz, Anthony Kincade, Will Spradley, Richard Sandoval, Christman Weeks, Rex Rollins, Andrew Tucker, Reese Turner, Christian Schlener, Joseph Clark, JaMarcus McCowin, Kevone Kennedy, Londreyus Johnson, Travis Johnson, Braylon Roberson, Tyraiel Hart, Marco Orpineda, Colton Moorehead, Brandoyn Bell, Keith Minor, Daniel Smith, Pedro Valdez, Thad Bevis, Keiundas Wade, Josh Hamilton, Sir Calvin Wallace, Jacob Ratliff, Shaq Warren, Brandon Upshaw, and Gabriel Robinson.

This accomplishment could also not have been achieved without the vast support of Chapel Hill Independent School District staff and the entire community supporting this great East Texas school. Congratulations to all those who comprise the Chapel Hill Bulldogs' unbeatable team.

HONORING U.S. ARMY STAFF SERGEANT JOSEPH ALTMANN'S SERVICE IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2012

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and honor the life and service of Staff Sergeant Joseph Altmann from Marshfield, Wisconsin. Staff Sergeant Altmann lost his life on Christmas Day while serving our country in the Kunar province of Afghanistan. He suffered injuries when insurgents attacked his unit with small-arms fire. Staff Sergeant Altmann was serving with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Mr. Speaker, Staff Sergeant Altmann embodied the best qualities of a true American hero. He was a dedicated soldier and a brave man who fought for a cause greater than himself—a feat to which not many may attest. He served his country not only in Afghanistan, but re-enlisted in order to do so after completing two previous tours in Iraq. He died protecting the freedoms we all too often take for granted.

Staff Sergeant Altmann's heroic sacrifice and exemplary service will not soon be forgotten. He has made his wife, his family, his home State of Wisconsin and his country eternally proud. It is my humbling honor to pay due tribute to him and I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of Staff Sergeant Joseph Altmann for the sacrifice he made for this country and for our freedom.