

Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, and 1st Cavalry Division DISCOM S3. His following assignment was as the Course Director, Combined Captains Career Course, at Fort Lee, Virginia, from 2002 to 2004.

In 2004, Kirklin returned to Fort Hood, and was again assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division DISCOM, a Deputy Commander while deployed to Taji, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. After re-deployment in March 2005, he assumed Command of the 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, at Fort Hood, on 14 July 2005. As commander, he deployed the battalion to Operation Iraqi Freedom 2006–08, Diyala Province, Iraq, and then recovered the unit back to Fort Hood.

After relinquishing Battalion Command in March 2008, he attended the U.S. Army War College, at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. After graduating from the War College in 2009, Kirklin returned to Fort Hood, and assumed command of the 4th Sustainment Brigade on 14 July 2009. He deployed as the 4th Sustainment Brigade to Tallil, Iraq, in support of Operation New Dawn in February 2011. Kirklin redeployed the Brigade from Tallil, Iraq, in December 2011, after serving as the final Sustainment Brigade to close out sustainment and retrograde operations to end Operation New Dawn. In January 2012, Kirklin was assigned to the United States Central Command J4, in Tampa, Florida, as Chief of Current Operations.

Kirklin became the 53rd Commandant of the Quartermaster School on 9 June 2014–June 2016. He was promoted to Brigadier General on 5 December 2014.

In June 2016 MG Kirklin was assigned as the Director of Operations, G–4 3/5/7, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–4 at the Pentagon, Washington, followed by assignment as Deputy Chief of Staff, G–4 U.S. Army Forces Command.

MG Kirklin was decorated and received many awards which includes: the National Defense Service Medal; Legion of Merit (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Bronze Star Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Meritorious Service Medal (4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Achievement Medal; Iraqi Campaign Medal; Global War of Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War of Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Army Overseas Service Ribbon; Combat Action Badge; and Parachutist Badge. MG Kirklin was also recognized in a journal article: Top Black Officers in the U.S. Military: US Black Engineer and Information Technology; Vol. 41, No. 4 (WINTER 2017), pp. 240–75; Published by the Career Communications Group.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Major General Ronald Kirklin for his amorous, dedicated and superior loyalty to our community in the 2nd Congressional District, the U.S. of America and U.S. Army since 1988 to the present. We salute Major General Ronald Kirklin for his accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING COACH DALE GILDEHAUS OF ST. FRANCIS BORGIA HIGH SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON, MISSOURI ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Dale Gildehaus of St. Francis Borgia High School in Washington, Missouri on his well-deserved induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Coach Gildehaus has a longstanding career of 32 years as head football coach at St. Francis Borgia High School. Throughout the years, Coach Gildehaus has approached football as much more than just a game about wins and losses. It's about faith, family, his players and coaches, and the entire Washington, MO community. As a graduate of St. Francis Borgia, Coach Gildehaus has the unique connection to the town and understands the importance of a coach who cares about his team on and off the football field. His ultimate goal is to teach positive leadership and influence his team to also develop positive leadership mindsets to carry into their personal lives and help them be successful in whatever they choose to do.

As Coach Gildehaus enters his 32nd year, he boasts a whopping 252 wins. Among those wins is a Class 3 state championship in 1993. In 1995, he was honored with the Jimmy Conzelman Coach of the Year by the National Football Foundation. Despite his impressive record, Coach Gildehaus often credits the many coaches who have impacted his life: Coaches Rinne, Scanlan, and Flanagan each demanded discipline, respect, and hard work—the same lessons that Coach Gildehaus instills in his football players today.

After high school, Coach Gildehaus went on to play football at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri where he earned induction to the Truman State Hall of Fame. After graduating he spent four years at Union High School before moving to his current position at St. Francis Borgia. This impressive football career has been acknowledged by the Missouri Football Coaches Association in 2007 with an induction into their Hall of Fame. In 2014, the Missouri Football Coaches Association also honored him with the Pete Adkins Power of Influence in Football Award.

Throughout the years, Coach Gildehaus has always been supported by his loving wife, Beth, and their children, Christopher, Sandi, and Stacy. His granddaughter, Anna, said it best: “whether it is on the field, around school, at home, or around town you can always count on Grandpa to have a smile on his face”. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Gildehaus on his incredible career and induction to the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

RISE: MISSION ACCOMPLISHED IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE AT THE PASSING OF OUR 41ST PRESIDENT PRESIDENT GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH

## HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a poem by Albert Carey Caswell:

Our tears are deep  
In hearts of the love which speak  
As no longer upon this earth to keep  
You, as its for you Timber Wolf we now so weep  
With sadness and tears of joy so sweet  
For heaven is full of such men of grace  
Who stand strong in all of their love and courage, and in all their service and faith, in what they've faced  
And for whom our Nation have so bled, for that old Red, White, and Blue each day they wake in how they've led  
Who give, not take  
For you George,  
America Son our Lord holds so a place  
As an Angel who will watch over us, because of your service and faith  
“A Patriot's plane was shot from the sky”  
“Would this brave heart live or die?”  
“What was to be?”  
“When, the Lord reached down and pulled this man from the sea”

## George, Rise MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Rise up to heaven with tears in your eyes  
To be with your family, and to watch over us as another “point of light”, by our Lord's side  
As Ronald, George, Abraham, Martin, Thomas, Rosa, Sonny, Lee, and Jack are looking forward to having with you such quality time  
Sadly, with us your time on Earth is over, realized  
But, left behind is your life Mr Incredible, a remarkable legacy which can't be denied  
As a Patriot of Peace, who to do his best always strived  
Armed with a golden heart of strength, to conquer every mountain you had to climb  
And a resume second to none history will find  
But, to you your greatest accomplishment of all, was as a Husband, as a Father, as a Son, and as a Grandfather we saw  
Just look at your magnificent family standing there in awe  
As you children were so blessed, for a child to become whole, to bring peace and love to their soul, they need a Father's Love  
But, right now history is in our face, and as it moves away from us, one of the greatest Presidents will stand in its place  
Bringing down that Berlin Wall in Europe, and the cold war to communism erase  
Drawing that line in sand “this aggression shall stand” in evil's face  
As you knew when to stop to save precious lives, all part of your grace  
While, carrying the heaviest of all burdens of life and death, a President must face  
When Bush Comes To Shove, as precious lives you would not waste  
While, domestically too such a high place  
And though you were a giant in stature so very great, it was your kind and humble heart above all the others we placed

Who all along the way touched every woman,  
 child, and man with your grace  
 And became The Father of All Letter Writers  
 through the decades at such a prolific  
 pace  
 With your photographic memory where nothing  
 erased  
 A real American hero who the accolades  
 upon him would not let them place  
 An a American sportsman of the highest  
 order, as competition and fun as ever  
 you chased  
 As you and your buddy Arnold stressed, the  
 importance of fitness to our children to  
 embrace  
 And being around and on the sea, your soul  
 was so graced  
 While, in your boat like a bat out of hell all  
 around Kennebunkport you raced  
 Jumping out of a helicopter at 90 as Father  
 Time could not keep pace  
 Born of wealth, privilege, and prestige you  
 could have led a life of such ease paced  
 Raised by a great Mother and Father who  
 watched, their work of art to public  
 service race  
 And like the cowboy and pioneer you were  
 and became, out to the West with your  
 Bar to your new love TEXAS as oilman  
 to stake your claim  
 And after great success realizing that it was  
 in public service your heart should remain  
 Rising up to Congress, Vice President, to  
 President to be the best not looking for  
 fame  
 With your life's creed of God, Family, and  
 Country became your life's refrain  
 As A Man For All Seasons, for so many reasons  
 your lessons to all of our children  
 we must train  
 Part of the greatest generation as a warrior  
 Saving The World as back home you  
 came  
 As you were always A Man On A Mission, to  
 bless our Nation and World with your  
 wise decisions, time and again  
 And now George it is time  
 Rise, rise up to heaven with tears in your  
 eyes  
 As the love of your life Barbara, and your  
 precious little girl Robin you'll find  
 "Daddy its been so long" and Bar says "now  
 were all together where we belong"  
 And don't worry George you don't have to  
 eat broccoli in heaven all day long  
 That's the other place where the bad ones belong  
 As our Lord says,  
 "George, and you never let me down",  
 "I'm so glad I pulled you From The Sea  
 where I found, on the wings of a dove"  
 Rise, up to heaven my son  
 At Ease your time on earth is done  
 As a new Angel in The Army of Our Lord in  
 heaven mission has just begun  
 RISE, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED my son

#### HONORING JOHN HATTER

#### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a longtime member of my staff, John Hatter, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

John has been on our team from the very beginning, serving as our Director of Constituent Services. In this role, John is responsible for managing our constituent services program, coordinating the 6th Congressional

District Veterans Advisory Committee, and leading the 6th Congressional District Military Service Academy Nomination Board, which nominates young Hoosiers to serve at the United States Military Service Academies.

On a personal note, I admire John's loyalty, intellect and work ethic. He has been a valuable member of our team, and I have no doubt John's future is very bright. I want to thank John for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him, Katia, and the kids continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

#### COLORADO YOUNG FARMERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Colorado Young Farmers Educational Association (CYFEA). Since its founding, the organization has strongly supported Coloradans who are involved or interested in the agricultural industry.

CYFEA provides industry cooperation, educational programs, community service and recreational opportunities for all individuals. With upwards of 200 members, the organization provides resources for producers and consumers. A half-century after its inception CYFEA continues to honor Colorado's rich agricultural roots.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations and best wishes to the Colorado Young Farmers Educational Association. We look forward to their continued success.

#### RECOGNIZING DOWNTOWN AURORA VISUAL ARTS

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to recognize Downtown Aurora Visual Arts. This non-profit organization located in my hometown of Aurora, Colorado provides art education courses for students of all ages. Originally founded in 1993, Downtown Aurora Visual Arts has become a place for children and young people to fuel their creativity and to develop character through an artistic avenue.

For the younger artists, Downtown Aurora Visual Arts' OASIS Studio program introduces them to pottery, sculpture, and a variety of other art projects. Doing so allows their imagination to grow. The development of imagination is incredibly important to the overall development of children. Such programs are especially important after school and during the summer months when children are not in school.

Another program, 'Job Training in the Arts' familiarizes middle and high school students with the critical workforce skills needed to succeed in a real job. It emphasizes teamwork, respect, personal responsibility, and the devel-

opment of problem-solving skills in the workplace. The programs that Downtown Aurora Visual Arts provides promote positive youth development and encourage students to address issues and concepts that personally impact them.

I am very proud to note that Downtown Aurora Visual Arts was awarded the 2014 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award. This award serves as the nation's highest honor for out-of-school arts and humanities programs focused on America's young people. Additionally, I would like to recognize the leadership of the Executive Director Susan Jensen who was awarded 2018 Arts and Society Award from the Bonfils Stanton Foundation.

Organizations like Downtown Aurora Visual Arts help make the city of Aurora, and our greater community the wonderful place it is today. I am honored to salute Downtown Aurora Visual Arts' achievements and look forward to its continued success in the years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING SEAN KOTARO O'NEILL

#### HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to U.S. Foreign Service Officer Sean O'Neill for his service as a Department of State Fellow on the Committee on Foreign Affairs. I commend Sean for his many years of faithful service to our nation and his work on our Committee during the 114th and 115th Congresses. Sean has strengthened America's national security, enhanced the relationship between the Congress and the Department of State, and reflected credit upon the United States Foreign Service.

Sean made substantial contributions to our efforts to address the most significant foreign policy issues facing our nation. From combating transnational crime and terrorism to defending democracy and human rights around the world, Sean's experience and judgment have been invaluable in helping craft sound policies to promote our national security and economic prosperity.

Sean has also been an effective advocate for the brave men and women of the Department of State who serve our country honorably around the world. Since the founding of our country, our diplomats have served America in some of the most difficult and dangerous places on earth. Sean has heightened the Committee's understanding of the important and difficult work our diplomats do and enhanced our oversight of the Department and its critical national security mission.

Sean combines a keen eye for strategic policy and practitioner's understanding of how to effectively implement that policy. He has earned the respect of Members of Congress and staff and developed enduring working relationships across Capitol Hill. It has been a pleasure to have Sean serve on my staff and I wish him well as he continues his service to our nation.