

RECOGNIZING WRIGHTSTOWN
FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Wrightstown Tigers Football Team for their runner-up finish at the 2023 WIAA Division 5 State Boys Football Championship.

Following an impressive season and playoff run, the Wrightstown football team traveled to Camp Randall in Madison to compete in the 2023 WIAA State Football Championship Game. With a record of 11–3 during the season, the Wrightstown team worked together all season to become a dominant force in the conference. I commend head coach Steve Klister, the coaching staff, and the entire team for their unwavering commitment and dedication to an incredibly impressive season.

This being their first trip to the state championship since 2011, the entire team and community have much for which they should be proud. Although they lost a tough battle to a talented La Crosse Aquinas team, the team displayed great skill and determination throughout the season. Congratulations to the entire team for this remarkable achievement, and a special congratulations to the senior players on the team: Riley Verbeten, Quade Thompson, Payton Vande Hey, Kevin Biese, Riley Sundin, Landon Hephrey, Elijah Lemke, Ben Zemple, Sam Keuler, Charlie Garvey, Trent Vande Hey, Garrett Hitner, Brendan Gustafson, Carter Lamers, Everett Lamers, and Gavin Ducat.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to head coach Steve Klister and the entire Wrightstown Football Team for his outstanding accomplishment. It is my honor to recognize this team and I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding their remarkable season.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION FOR GUNNERY SER-
GEANT MICHAEL DEHAVEN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gunnery Sergeant Michael DeHaven of Denison, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. GySgt DeHaven honorably served in the United States Marine Corps during the Gulf War and the Global War on Terrorism.

As a young man, GySgt DeHaven heeded the call to serve his nation in the Marine Corps. In 1986, he joined the Marines and later became a member of the 5th Force Reconnaissance Company. GySgt DeHaven specialized in high-altitude parachuting, underwater operations, and reconnaissance in support of Marine Expeditionary Forces. Some of his responsibilities included protecting government officials, safeguarding intelligence officers, training allied forces, and conducting raids on high value targets. GySgt DeHaven's efforts helped to protect the wellbeing of

countless Americans and our allies. For his selfless service and contributions to our national security, GySgt DeHaven was awarded the National Intelligence Medal for Valor.

After he was honorably discharged in 1998, GySgt DeHaven pursued a successful career in technology. However, the September 11 terrorist attacks reinforced his desire to defend his nation from all threats, foreign and domestic. He returned to military service, and served as a ground reconnaissance advisor with the 6th Marine Regiment and as an anti-terrorism advisor to our intelligence community until 2021. When he returned to Texas, GySgt DeHaven looked for ways to protect our nation's children in the wake of the terrible events in Uvalde. He opened a private consulting company to help enhance school safety and threat prevention efforts. Through his valuable expertise, the Denison Independent School District selected him to serve as their Director of Safety and Security. Without question, GySgt DeHaven's extensive experience in combatting hostile threats will help to protect our schools and communities.

I am honored to represent GySgt DeHaven in Texas' 4th Congressional District. It is a pleasure to award him the Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to our Nation and to the people of North Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I voted NAY on Roll Call No. 681 when I intended to vote YEA.

RECOGNIZING McALLISTER TOW-
ING, PRESIDENT AND CEO BRIAN
BUCKLEY McALLISTER, AND
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CAP-
TAIN CHUCK RUNNION

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize McAllister Towing, their President and CEO Brian Buckley McAllister, and their recipient of the Patriot Award, Senior Vice President Captain Chuck Runnion.

Founded in 1864, McAllister Towing operates a fleet of more than 70 tugboats, crew boats, and barges in 14 locations along the U.S. East Coast from Eastport, Maine, to San Juan, Puerto Rico. McAllister is engaged in each port's ship docking, general harbor towing, coastal towing, windfarm support, and bulk transportation. Additionally, McAllister manages and operates the POLARIS ATB Unit that is used to bunker vessels with Liquefied Natural Gas in Cape Canaveral. The assets and talented teams at McAllister continue the McAllister family tradition of being an innovative force in marine transportation.

Furthermore, I would like to recognize Brian Buckley McAllister the President and CEO of McAllister Towing and the Bridgeport and Port Jefferson Steamboat Company. Mr. McAllister

serves on the Steamship Mutual P&I Club boards, the Seamen's Church Institute, and the Coast Guard Foundation. He is also a Member of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey and the American Bureau of Shipping. He served as Chairman of the American Waterways Operators from 2013 to 2014.

McAllister's senior vice president, Captain Chuck Runnion, also received the prestigious Patriot Award. Captain Runnion has worked in the industry since 1980, adding invaluable experience and insight to McAllister's Southeast operations. Captain Runnion is being honored for his effort to hire and retain veterans through thoughtful efforts that support specific veteran needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing McAllister Towing, their President and CEO Brian Buckley McAllister, and their Senior Vice President, Captain Chuck Runnion, for their contributions to ports across the eastern shore and Port Everglades, proudly located in Florida's 23rd Congressional District.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION FOR SERGEANT
JOHANN SCHRAP

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Johann Schrap of Rockwall, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Sergeant Schrap honorably served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War.

As a young man, Sergeant Schrap sailed with his family when they immigrated to the United States. As his ship passed by the Statue of Liberty, he understood that the values of democracy and freedom it represents and knew these come only through sacrifices. During the Second World War, Sergeant Schrap's father helped provide refuge for Jewish citizens in the Netherlands from persecution by the Nazi regime. For these actions, his father was imprisoned but was rescued by American forces when the Allies liberated Holland. As a token of appreciation for American assistance to his family, Sergeant Schrap chose to serve his country and joined the Air Force. He was eventually sent to Saigon, Vietnam as part of the 75th Military Airlift Squadron where he assisted in postal and administrative operations. In this role, Sergeant Schrap managed incoming mail and ensured that soldiers received correspondence from home in a timely fashion. For his service and contributions to our nation, Sergeant Schrap received several awards, including the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Silver Rose.

After returning home, Sergeant Schrap attended California Baptist University in California and later received a degree in Biblical Studies. As part of the First Baptist Church in Garland, Texas, he participated in several mission trips to help rebuild homes that were damaged by natural disasters. Sergeant Schrap ran a very successful small business specializing in home repairs, painting, and remodeling. He is a member of Vietnam Veterans of America and Disabled American Veterans, where he conducts veteran outreach

and provides guidance for veterans to receive assistance. Sergeant Schrap also has a keen eye for spotting veterans in public, and he will happily engage with them in order to listen to their stories or help in any way he can. I high-

ly commend Sergeant Schrap for continuing to uplift the men and women who served our nation and uplifting the community around him.

I am honored to represent Sergeant Schrap in Texas' 4th Congressional District. It is a

pleasure to award him the Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to our Nation and to the people of North Texas.