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Mid-Michigan High School Graduates Receive Medal of Merit

Last week I honored a group of distinguished high school seniors with the Congressional Medal of Merit at the Michigan State Capitol building.

Graduating seniors from the 8th District are nominated for this honor by their schools based on academic and community service criteria. Each of these students has demonstrated exemplary citizenship and educational excellence throughout their high school careers.

It was a privilege to honor so many students this year and recognize their outstanding service to their peers, their schools and their communities. Their academic achievements and commitment to citizenship are hallmarks of their future as they prepare now for the next milestone in their lives.

Student awarded the Congressional Medal of Merit this year are:

CLINTON County - Bryanna Romel, Bath High School; Ryan Musolf, St. Johns High School; Keva Feldpausch, Pewamo-Westphalia High School; Shaylyn Skaryd, Ovid-Elsie High School; Abbey Doyle, DeWitt High School; Kristin Schafer, Fowler High School.

INGHAM County - Betsy Granger, Lansing Christian School; Benjamin Jones, Everett High School, Lansing; Ashley Noffsinger, Stockbridge High School; Estefania Hennig, Eastern High School, Lansing; Brian Goulet, Lansing Catholic High School; Meghan Gifford and Cody Little,

Haslett High School; Tony Tran, JW Sexton High School, Lansing; Mark Fitch of DeWitt, New Covenant Christian School, Lansing; Bradley Hull, Okemos High School; Shannon Miller, Lansing Baptist School; Emily Walker, Dansville High School; Dana Allswede, East Lansing High School; Alice Hoffman, Mason High School; Mariah Wright, Leslie High School; Allison Kent, Holt High School; Justin Celestin of Lansing, Holt Lutheran High School.

LIVINGSTON County - Scott Parker, Fowlerville High School; Taylor Oglesby, Howell High School; Kathleen Hinkle, Pinckney Community High School; Mary Clare Fischer, Brighton High School; James Zarish, Kensington Woods High School, Howell.

OAKLAND County - Anna Lanpher, Springfield Christian Academy, Clarkston; Alex Pollack, Oxford High School; Jaelyn Truscott, Lake Orion High School; Lauren King, Lake Orion Baptist High School; Ryan Dingman, Waterford Kettering High School; Lindsey Brendel, Holly High School; Hayden Schaeffer, Waterford Mott High School; Alexis Dickie, Brandon High School; Jacqueline Proper, Clarkston High School

SHIAWASSEE County - Alexandra French, Durand Area High School; Marcie Mortimore, Morrice High School; Andrew Fanko, Perry High School; Rachel Wilson, Laingsburg High School; Brent L'Esperance, Byron High School.

To read a *Detroit News* story on last week's Medal of Merit ceremony, [click here](#). You can read more about these distinguished students in an *Argus-Press* article by [clicking here](#).

Time for Action on Asian Carp

It is clear that Asian Carp pose a major threat to the health and viability of the Great Lakes. This dangerous invasive species will seriously disrupt fish populations in the Great Lakes and wreak havoc on the Great Lakes sport fishing industry, which contributes more than \$7 billion to our economy.

That is why I am fully committed to stopping Asian Carp from entering the Great Lakes. In Congress, I have led efforts to shut down the Chicago and O'Brien Locks to ensure that this devastating species does not enter our Great Lakes. I am co-author of H.R. 4472, the Carp Act. This legislation will:

- Immediately close the lockes that have access to the Great Lakes
- Install interim barriers in rivers where no barriers exist
- Enhance existing monitoring systems
- Implement initiatives to mitigate the commercial and flood water impact on the Chicago area

I have also requested the Army Corp of Engineers, Coast Guard, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Fish and Wildlife Agency to provide a comprehensive response plan to Asian Carp. Finally, I am working to restore \$175 million in funding that was cut from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Failure to fully fund this initiative could make it harder to fight invasive species and protect our environment in the future. The Great Lakes are the crown jewel of our region and I will continue to protect them ensure that future generations can enjoy the lakes like we have.

To view my remarks at a recent press conference urging action to stop Asian Carp, please [click here](#).

More Auto Bureaucracy Won't Improve Safety or Create Jobs

Last week, Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA) held a hearing on his proposal for vast new regulations on auto makers. The new regulations are aimed at improving safety, but most experts agree the plan will do little to achieve that goal.

Instead, Chairman Waxman's legislation would create an enormous new bureaucracy at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and raise taxes on U.S. auto manufacturers. It would also create countless new loopholes for trial lawyers looking to exploit auto manufacturers with frivolous lawsuits. At a time when the auto industry is struggling to survive and create jobs in Michigan, I believe this proposal is dangerous.

To read a *Detroit News* article on the proposed regulations, [click here](#). You can read an *Associated Press* story on the proposal by [clicking here](#).

Times Square Bomber Highlights Intelligence Gaps

The attempted car bombing in New York City's Times Square is the latest example of how terrorists are still plotting to kill Americans here at home. We are incredibly fortunate no one

was killed or injured. Authorities have now discovered that the terrorist, 30-year-old Faisal Shahzad, has ties to the Pakistani Taliban. The fact that he was able to drive a bomb into the middle of Times Square highlights critical gaps in our nation's intelligence capabilities.

We must have the ability to stop these terrorists before they enter our country - not after they've planted a bomb and boarded a plane. That means we must strengthen our intelligence collection activities and ensure our nation's intelligence professionals have the tools and resources they need to disrupt terrorist plots overseas before they reach our shores.

Last week I discussed this important issue as a panelist on CNN's John King USA - you can watch the video by [clicking here](#). I also [appeared on MSNBC](#) to discuss the attempted Times Square bombing.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to contact you. You can follow my efforts online by visiting my [website](#). You can also keep up with me on [YouTube](#) (RepMikeRogers) and [Facebook](#) (Mike J. Rogers). Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,



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