Mr. Speaker, education is the foundation upon which we reach our human potential. Students in my District are developing their talents, furthering their education and pursuing their aspirations in life through programs like the Academic All-Star program. Encouragement of our students to develop confidence and achievement among our youth is a winning—Americans—the future leaders of our country.

The following students have been nominated for their academic excellence:

- Griffin Blane, Gregory Kyle Rader, Ralph King
- Alicia Lynn Morris, Douglas C. Petersen, Dianne Lisette Rousseau, Lauren Whitney Scott, Jennifer Rhea Fowler, Samantha Joy White, Chad Darrel Brown, Casey Jo Calhoun, David Clayton Blake, Stephanie Leigh Huntsman, Danielle Diane Brown.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw the attention of the House to an individual from my district whose initiative and vision might well be paying dividends in Idaho from years to come.

Through hard work and passion, Jason Crawford gathered support from many medium and large technical institutions throughout our great state in support of a promotional effort in the Wall Street Journal on behalf of Idaho’s outstanding business environment.

In recognition of Jason’s own Treetop Tech, Micron Technology, Hewlett-Packard, Dell, and Extended Systems are just a few of America’s top technology businesses that have chosen to locate large operations in Idaho over the years.

Among those recognizing the roll of business in Idaho are Advantages of doing business in Idaho, the great benefits of doing business there.

From the low cost of living and absence of urban congestion to the overall quality of life, Idaho has a lot to offer the technology industry.

Jason Crawford is one of Idaho’s greatest advocates, and leaders like him are among our most valuable assets.

I hope the House will join me in acknowledging Jason’s contribution.

FOR THE RELIEF OF THE PARENTS OF THERESA MARIE SCHIAVO

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL
OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, March 20, 2005

Mr. UDALL. New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, the heart-wrenching details of Ms. Terri Schiavo’s case are well known to all of us.

Her personal case, not to mention the family rift that has resulted, is certainly a tragedy and my heart goes out to Terri, her husband, parents, and loved ones who all are trying to do what they believe is best for Terri.

However, Mr. Speaker, this is an issue that should be determined by those very people. This is not a matter for Congress to decide.

Unfortunately, since Terri’s family has been unable to agree on the best course of action, they have had to undergo, and continue to undergo, today, lengthy legal battles. While it is unfortunate, that is what our legal process is for, and it has repeatedly ruled in favor of Terri’s husband. Bringing this bill to the floor of the House marks yet another example of the Congressional leadership’s subversion of the judicial process. Anytime the leadership disagrees with a ruling by a court, they strip its power. This is not the way these matters should be handled. It is not only subversion of the legal process, but of the Constitution of the United States of America.

In fact, in a 1990 case before the Supreme Court that pertained to some of the very same issues of the Schiavo case, Justice Antonin Scalia, one of the most conservative justices on the court, stated, he wished that the Constitution not known to the House in this court any better than they are known to nine people picked at random from the Kansas City telephone directory.”

Voice vote, it was impossible for me to arrive in Washington, DC in time for consideration of this measure. That being said Mr. Speaker, I rise now to state for the record that I would have voted against S. 686.

TRIBUTE TO MASTER SGT MICHAEL T. HIESTER

HON. MIKE PENCE
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is written if you owe debts, pay debts; if honor, then honor; if respect, then respect.

I rise humbly today to pay a debt of honor and respect to Army National Guard Master Sergeant Mike Hiestер of Bluffton, Indiana.

As I saw firsthand last December at Camp Phoenix in Kabul, Afghanistan, Hoosiers have made an extraordinary difference for freedom in Operation Enduring Freedom, and Master Sergeant Mike Hiester was a leader of men in that place. His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal (posthumous), Purple Heart (posthumous), two Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, four Good Conduct Medals, three Reserve Components Achievement Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device and Bronze Hour Glass device, NATO Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with “3” device, Order of St. George, Pathfinder Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge (posthumous) and the German armed forces Service Cross first class.

His state awards include the Indiana Long Service Medal (2nd award), Indiana Overseas Service Ribbon, and Indiana Outside Continental United States Ribbon (2nd award).