

who has attained the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. But the way he achieved his ranking isn't something we hear about often, especially for someone his age. He made his way to the top through a unique and much-needed service project. As just an eighth grade student at Barber's Hill Middle School, Bryan initiated a project that has honored those who protect our community. Not limited to just people, but also our four-legged friends. Bryan and a team of volunteers renovated the Baytown Police Department K9 Cemetery.

The need to serve law enforcement stemmed from Bryan's appreciation for the strong bond between officers and police canines, as well as their vital role in protecting the community. Bryan and a group of recruited volunteers of neighbors, friends, family, and other Boy Scouts worked hard to beautify these dogs' final resting place. After researching everything from types of plants to styles of landscaping, Bryan lead his team of volunteers as they cleaned the existing burial plots, removed dead shrubbery, replaced fence post tops, and planted new bushes and trees. It was after about 140 hours of hard work that the Baytown Police Department had a cemetery, where they could be proud to lay their beloved dogs to rest.

Bryan's leadership role in this final project is one of the many qualifications needed to obtain his new rank of Eagle Scout—he has had to earn 21 merit badges in subjects including first aid and personal fitness, as well as obtaining letters of recommendation, and going before an Eagle Scout board of review.

This is a prime example of a young man with an outstanding character and a go-getter work ethic. Bryan is well-deserving of his Eagle Scout rank. In honoring the sacrifices and hard work of the police force and their canine companions, Bryan has upheld the Boy Scout tradition of community service and stands as an example of the integrity and honor of a true Eagle Scout.

And that's just the way it is.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIFE  
AND LEGACY OF CHIEF PETTY  
OFFICER CHRIS KYLE

**HON. ROGER WILLIAMS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2013*

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleagues in the United States Congress in

honoring the life and legacy of Chief Petty Officer Chris Kyle.

Every warrior has a story . . . Chris Kyle had a legend. Throughout our history, America's military has been served by many but shaped by only a few. From Washington to Petraeus, from Porter to Nimitz, a few great individuals have changed the way we fight wars and the way we view warriors. Now we can add the name of Chris Kyle to that elite list.

For ten years, this Texas native served his country as a member of Seal Team 3. Along the way, he set the standard for all snipers. Though his innate humility prevented him from talking about the number, Navy records confirm that Chief Kyle successfully took out 160 enemy combatants—the highest number in American military history.

He did it over the course of many years—he served four tours in Iraq during his career. And he did it in difficult circumstances and over long distances—he once perched himself on top of a baby's crib for hours in a house . . . and another time he gunned down an enemy combatant from 1.2 miles away.

No matter the challenge, Chris Kyle always met it. No matter the odds, he always overcame them.

Chief Kyle's incredible courage as a warrior was matched only by his extraordinary grace as a man.

This was a man of faith who believed God had a plan for him.

This was a man of family of who knew being a husband and a father were his important tasks.

And this was an American who thought that his country was worth fighting for and even dying for.

Chief Kyle didn't like to talk about the number of enemies he killed; instead, he would say, I'd like to be known "for the people I saved." And so he is.

He saved so many, more than we will ever know. And he never stopped trying to save people, all the way to the last seconds of his life.

Chief Petty Officer Chris Kyle has left us; but his legacy remains. The people of Texas are rightfully proud of this native son; and the people of America rightfully mourn this national hero.

The U.S. Navy Seals have a motto: "the only easy day was yesterday." No one personified this more than Chief Kyle. Each day was a new challenge; and each time, it was met with courage and conviction, with devotion and dedication.

Chief Kyle's mission is completed; his tour has ended. Now, the work of carrying on his legacy remains for all of us.

May we always try to live up to the standard of courage set by this great and gallant man . . . and may we never forget his service and sacrifice.

May God bless Chief Petty Officer Chris Kyle and his family.

CONGRATULATORY SPEECH TO INDIANA UNIVERSITY MEN'S SOCCER

**HON. TODD C. YOUNG**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2013*

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Indiana University's Men's Soccer Team.

I want to congratulate the team, Indiana University, and the greatest college soccer fans in the country—whom we in Indiana affectionately call the Hoosier Army—on their 8th NCAA National Championship. As a resident of Bloomington, the home of IU, I am particularly proud of IU Soccer's achievements this year. They have worked very hard, and merits respect and celebration.

Accomplishments such as this are achieved through diligence and commitment. This being their 8th National Championship, IU's Soccer Program has proven its commitment to creating a strong and enduring tradition of excellence. This win shows that the team benefits now, as in past decades, from exemplary leadership both on and off the field. I commend Coach Todd Yeagley, and the rest of the coaching staff, for instilling confidence in their Hoosier Squad, and for driving them to victory this season.

IU's championship squad also serves as an inspiration to many members of the community of Bloomington, and to Hoosiers across Southern Indiana. Collectively, the student-athletes have shown us what can be achieved through teamwork and perseverance. I commend them on their National Championship, and I salute them for their example. Finally, I join members of the Hoosier Army, and other rank-and-file Hoosiers, in looking forward to many more thrilling seasons in the coming years. Go Hoosiers!