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AMASH ANNOUNCES U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Grand Rapids, MI – Rep. Justin Amash (R-MI) announced he has nominated 15 students from West Michigan for appointment to the U.S. Service Academies. The nominees will be considered for the class of 2016 at the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), and the U.S. Naval Academy. Nominees are not guaranteed appointment to an academy, but applicants must receive a congressional nomination to be considered.

An Academy Advisory Board assists Amash with the selection of his nominees. Criteria considered by the Advisory Board when recommending a student for nomination include academic excellence, leadership experience, and a strong commitment to a variety of extracurricular activities.

Amash nominated the following students from Michigan's Third Congressional District:

U.S. Air Force:

Nicole Gardner – Air Force Prep School
Joseph Halford – Byron Center High School
Haley Merrill – East Kentwood High School
Katherine Rancourt – East Kentwood High School
Spencer Sims – Rockford High School
Leanne Tuuk – Caledonia High School/Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Anthony Urbik – West Catholic High School
Andrew VandenBerg – Grand Rapids Christian High School/Calvin College

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy:

Dillon Francisco – Comstock Park High School
Jonathan French – Grand Rapids City High/Middle School
Alden Groen – Grandville Calvin Christian High School
Joseph Halford – Byron Center High School
Alexander Kernosky – Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School

U.S. Military Academy (West Point):

Joseph Halford – Byron Center High School
Afa Madza – Comstock Park High School
Haley Merrill – East Kentwood High School
Mitchell Newton – Rockford High School

U.S. Naval Academy:

Jonathan French – Grand Rapids City High/Middle School

Alden Groen – Grandville Calvin Christian High School

Joseph Halford – Byron Center High School

Spencer Sims – Rockford High School

Leanne Tuuk – Caledonia High School/Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Anthony Urbik – West Catholic High School

Bryan Wasberg – Rockford High School

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