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MEDIA ADVISORY: AMASH TO RECOGNIZE SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINEES AND STUDENT MEDAL OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

Grand Rapids, Michigan – Rep. Justin Amash (R-MI) will recognize the Third Congressional District’s service academy nominees and student Congressional Medal of Merit recipients at an awards ceremony on Saturday.

“I am honored to recognize these deserving students for their outstanding achievements. I wish them the best of luck and success in the future,” said Amash.

Applicants to the service academies require a nomination by a Member of Congress. To assist with the nomination process, Amash assembled a committee of military and civic leaders that interviewed potential nominees, reviewed their applications, and made recommendations.

In addition to the service academy nominees, Amash will honor 38 students with the Congressional Medal of Merit. The Congressional Medal of Merit recognizes high school seniors who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and academic excellence. Recipients were nominated by their principals or guidance counselors.

WHO: Rep. Justin Amash, service academy nominees, Medal of Merit recipients
WHAT: Awards Ceremony
WHERE: The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum
WHEN: Saturday, April 28, 9:30 AM

Amash’s 2012 service academy nominees are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Service Academy</u>
Bryan Wasberg	Rockford High School	U.S. Naval Academy
Afa Madza	Comstock Park High School	U.S. Military Academy
Dillon Francisco	Comstock Park High School	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Andrew Vanden Berg	Calvin College	U.S. Air Force Academy
Jonathan French	Grand Rapids City High School	U.S. Naval Academy

Amash’s 2012 Congressional Medal of Merit recipients are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Shelby Rae Atkinson	Ionia High School
Ben Bartosh	Saranac Junior Senior High School
Samantha Condie	East Grand Rapids High School

Kerri Deurloo	Algoma Christian School
Jonathan Tyler Elliott	South Christian High School
Anne-lise Emig	City High Middle School
John Evans	Kelloggsville High School
Brandon Grady	Forest Hills Central High School
Anthony Haskin	Lakewood High School
Mayra Hernandez	Potter's House High School
Shelby Hodges	Rockford High School
Jennifer Holsem	Calvin Christian High School
Nathaniel Iveson	Thornapple Kellogg High School
Taisia Jambor	Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center
Amelia Kimbro	West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science
Hannah Kwekel	Plymouth Christian High School
Claire Lambert	Grand Rapids Christian High School
Meghan Loser	Belding Area High School
Alicia Mancio	Union High School
Amber Rae McClain	Byron Center High School
Brittany Rae Merritt	Cedar Springs High School
Roudeland Metellus	East Kentwood High School
Patricia Maria Minaya	Lee High School
Edwin Montoya	Ottawa Hills High School
Anthony Murphy	Northview High School
Quan Nguyen	Rogers High School
Jose Roblero-Perez	Grand Rapids Central High School
Kyle Rogers	Lowell High School
Wesley Schermer	Forest Hills Northern High School
Chelsi Scott	Portland High School
Jordan Sykes	Catholic Central High School
Sarah Thornburgh	Hastings High School
Anthony James Urbik	West Catholic High School
Conor VanderHoff	Kenowa Hills High School
Victoria Viveen	Forest Hills Eastern High School
Ryan Ronald Watson	Delton Kellogg High School
Zana Webley	Godwin Heights High School
Ryann Zourdos	Caledonia High School

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