Hello this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

This Sunday is the start of National Police Week.

Thousands of police officers and their families descended on Capitol Hill this week to commemorate and honor our heroes in blue.

Particularly at a time when this heroic profession is being criticized, it is important that we recognize the noble sacrifices of these men and women.

Every day law enforcement officers across the United States put their lives on the line to protect their communities and to protect their fellow citizens.

Just last week, an off-duty police officer stopped a fatal stabbing rampage in a Massachusetts Mall. The quick reaction of this courageous man prevented what could have evolved into a much larger tragedy.

For that reason, it is critical that our police officers feels supported and have access to all of the resources needed to carry out their duties.

In this effort and in recognition of police officers, the House passed two important bills this week. The *Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program* and the *Federal Law Enforcement Self Defense Protection Act* will help keep our police officers safe on the streets.

As your member of Congress, my focus is to ensure that the House of Representatives is dedicated to protecting those who protect us.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your questions on this issue or any other issue before the congress.

May God bless you and your family, may God bless our nation's police and as the song says, God bless you Texas.