

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address December 12, 2014 “Purple Hearts”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. It’s been more than five years since the terrible attack at Fort Hood that killed 13 innocent people and injured more than 30 others. That tragedy weighed heavy on the hearts of the entire nation, but it affected us Texans in a deep and lasting way.

As such, last week, the House passed a piece of legislation that included a provision to honor those who were injured in the attack. As part of the Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act, the victims who were injured or killed in the massacre at Fort Hood would be awarded Purple Hearts, as would anyone who experienced an attack inspired by terrorism.

This measure was originally proposed by fellow Texan Congressman Carter, and I have been a vocal supporter of it since the attack occurred. While the wounds of the Fort Hood victims and their families may never fully heal, this deserved recognition can serve as a small step in bringing them closure and peace.

As a nation, we must do all we can to honor and recognize our men and women in uniform for all they do to serve and protect this great nation. While it is my belief that our president has not done enough on behalf of the Fort Hood victims, I am pleased that the House of Representatives took a step to allowing the Fort Hood victims to be adequately remembered for their place in history. Now it is up to the Senate and the president to sign this bill into law and allow these brave victims the acknowledgment they deserve for their strength and bravery in the face of evil.

As always, I welcome your questions and comments on this issue. Thank you for taking the time to listen. May God bless you and your family, may God bless our troops, and as always, may God bless Texas.