## Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address April 13, 2012 "National Service Academy Forum"

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. It is one of my distinct privileges to nominate outstanding young men and women from the 26<sup>th</sup> District for an appointment to our nation's service academies.

These academies: the United States Military Academy at West Point, the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York and the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs all offer a top-notch education for those students and the means to establish themselves as military officers and the future leaders of our nation.

On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 a.m. until noon at Carrollton's First Baptist Church, I invite you to the North Texas Academies Forum. This informative event offers students and their parents the chance to learn about the process to enter a service academy. Students requesting appointments to the Academies are rigorously evaluated on a variety of criteria: academic performance, leadership qualifications and physical preparedness.

I am always impressed by the caliber of candidates applying for the nomination. The selection process is competitive. Each student has a strong record of academic performance and leadership in school activities, sports, Junior ROTC, or community and volunteer services.

It is my honor to nominate local students who are dedicated to the peace and security of the United States of America who will grow to serve our country with distinction as officers in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. Please visit my website, burgess.house.gov, to learn more about the National Service Academies and of other matters before the United States Congress. May God bless you and your family. May God bless our troops. And as always, may God bless Texas.