

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address July 3, 2015
“Defense Appropriations Act, Independence Day”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. This Fourth of July weekend, our nation turns 239 years old. We have come from a loose union of colonies in 1776, to a nation stretching from sea to shining sea. We would not have come so far without sacrifices by generations of our Armed Forces and their families.

As for our current men and women in uniform, an effective military for our common defense is in the interest of All Americans.

With the rise of ISIS, the continued presence of Al-Qaeda, the growth of terrorist groups in North Africa, instability throughout the Middle East, and Russian aggression in Ukraine, America’s military must to continue to lead.

With my support, Congress just passed the Department of Defense Appropriations Act. This bill makes responsible use of tax dollars so that our military stays prepared, safe, and in peak fighting form.

Additionally, the bill includes critical support to our allies who are facing unprecedented instability due to the aggression of nation-states and terrorism alike.

Furthermore, it saves taxpayer dollars wherever possible without undermining the safety, security, or success of our troops and their objectives.

There is no higher national priority than the protection of our country, and I can proudly say that this legislation has helped preserve our military as the most capable and superior armed force in the world.

As always, I welcome your questions and comments on these issues. Have a very Happy Fourth of July weekend. May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.