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Congressman Miller Announces Service Academy Nominees

Washington, DC – Congressman Gary Miller is pleased to announce today that sixteen residents of California’s 42nd District will be attending one of our nation’s military service academies in the fall. Securing a place at one of these prestigious institutions is highly competitive and Congressman Miller would like to extend his warmest congratulations to each of these bright and dedicated young individuals who have answered their country’s call to service.

Attending the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY will be:

- Jonathan Hoey of Diamond Bar
- Nickolas Lupo of Placentia
- Liberty McEntee of Yorba Linda

Attending the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD will be:

- Devin Dugard of Rancho Santa Margarita
- Rebecca Lowe of Rancho Santa Margarita
- Alexander Roman of La Habra

Attending the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO will be:

- Kellan Bateman of Chino
- Benjamin Chavez of Yorba Linda
- Jaclyn First of Mission Viejo
- Jennifer Flynn of Trabuco Canyon
- Jonathan Han of Mission Viejo
- Jacob Harrison of Mission Viejo
- Timothy Lu of Yorba Linda
- Jack Waller IV of Dove Canyon
- Ryan Weldon of Chino Hills

Attending the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY will be:

- Connor Daly of Anaheim

In order to attend one of these academies, each of these individuals first had to secure a nomination from the President or a Member of Congress. Those who received a nomination were then evaluated by their respective service academies on the basis of personal character, scholarly achievement, demonstrated leadership skills, physical aptitude, medical fitness, clarity of long-term goals, and motivation. Only after completing this rigorous selection process were they offered a place in the Class of 2012. Following graduation, each will be commissioned as an officer in their respective branch of service.

“These fine young men and women are to be commended for their decision to wear our country’s uniform,” said Congressman Miller. “As a Member of Congress, it is one of my highest honors to nominate them for a place in one of our nation’s service academies. I know they will make their families, friends, and neighbors deeply, deeply proud.”