



Congressional Recognition In Memory of **CHRISTION XAVIER FILES**

On behalf of the citizens of the Third Congressional District of Ohio, I offer my most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Christion Xavier Files in the wake of his passing. We mourn the loss of a joyful, kind, and passionate young man. Know that in the aftermath of great loss, we are joined not only in grief, but also in the celebration of a person who meant something special to each of us—a person for whom we cared.

Though only 20 at the time of his passing, Christion managed to impact the lives of so many. Growing up in Central Ohio, he attended Liberty Christian, Lincoln Elementary, and Mansion Day schools. Christion spent his middle school years at The Wellington School and attended New Albany High School thereafter. Excelling as a student-athlete, Christion was named team captain of the high school's track and field team, demonstrating an aptitude for leadership while showcasing his talent on the track; his skills truly shone in the 400m and 4x400m relay, where the relay team set the school record—which still stands today. As a young man blessed with strong leadership qualities, Christion also exhibited a keen commitment to service. Throughout his high school years, he regularly volunteered at the Vineyard Columbus Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels. He became a member of the Columbus Chapter of Jack and Jill of America in 2018.

Upon graduating high school, Christion enrolled at Morehouse College in Atlanta. Majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing, he distinguished himself academically, in athletics, and in his extracurricular activities. As co-captain of the Morehouse Track and Field Team, he was named to the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All-Academic Team in his sophomore year. He served as media chair for the Junior Class Council and was a member of the Morehouse Business Association.

Christion also possessed a uniquely creative eye. Discovering an unexplored talent for photography while at Morehouse, he pushed himself to sharpen his skills with the camera, capturing newfound memories on campus. With his newly developed skills, he became a content creator for the Atlanta University Center and founded CXF Media, which was selected to photograph a number of major campus events. He went on to an internship with American Family Insurance Group, working with their social media and social impact teams. Through each experience, Christion carefully nurtured his creative spirit, taking a human-centric approach to his photography in the hope of leaving a lasting impact on the lives of others.

That impact is felt deeply, and I know that it will endure. Christion aspired to the best of what we can be—eyes wide open to the future's boundless opportunities. A wellspring of kindness, laughter, charisma, and joy, the consummate big brother to his two younger sisters, a loving son and grandson, and so much more, Christion held tight to that unfaltering commitment to bettering the world around him.

Thus, with deepest sympathy, I mourn the loss of Christion Xavier Files, and extend my sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew him.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joyce Beatty".

Member of Congress, OH-03

