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Congressman's portrait unveiled

Citadel graduate Congressman Steve Buyer, '80, of Indiana returned to his alma mater today for the unveiling of his portrait that will hang in the auditorium named for him. Buyer Auditorium, located in Mark Clark Hall, is a central meeting place for events on campus that promote principled leadership. Six years ago the auditorium was renovated with funds raised by the class of 1980 in the congressman's honor.

"It has truly been an honor and a privilege to have helped lead the nation for the past 18 years. Of all the recognition I have ever received, there is nothing stronger than to be honored by my peers from The Citadel and I am deeply humbled," said Buyer.

Buyer, who serves Indiana's fourth congressional district, graduated from The Citadel with a degree in business administration. After graduation, Buyer was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve as a Medical Service Corps Officer. He subsequently went to law school and later served as a JAG officer on active duty for three years. Called back to active duty on three days' notice during the first Gulf War, Buyer was awarded the bronze star for his service.

Joining Buyer at the unveiling was his father, Dr. John Buyer, who graduated from The Citadel in 1950 and who is also in Charleston for his 60th reunion. Buyer's older brother John, an active duty Army colonel, graduated from The Citadel in 1979.

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