



## Office of Representative Heath Shuler

Representing North Carolina's Eleventh Congressional District

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**\*\*\**MEDIA ADVISORY*\*\*\***  
***For Friday, May 2nd***

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**Rep. Shuler to Encourage McDowell County High Students to  
“Make the Right Choice” During Prom and Graduation Season**  
***Guest Brandon Silveria Will Share his Story of Alcohol-related Crash***

*Washington, D.C.* – Representative Heath Shuler will encourage high school students at McDowell County to enjoy a safe and alcohol-free prom and graduation season during an assembly tomorrow at McDowell County High School. Rep. Shuler will be joined by Brandon Silveria at the event.

Shortly before his high school prom Mr. Silveria, then 17 years old, was involved in a nearly fatal auto accident while driving home from a party where he had drunk several beers. Mr. Silveria was left in a coma for nearly three months and endured three years of rehabilitation. He was left with permanent and visible speech and walking disabilities. Since his rehab Mr. Silveria has traveled the country with his father, Tony, to share his story with high school students and educate them about the dangers of drinking and driving.

**What:** Presentation to McDowell County High School Students about the dangers of drinking and driving

**Who:** Representative Heath Shuler; Brandon and Tony Silveria (Sil-vair-uh)

**When:** Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:30 a.m.

**Where:** McDowell County High School  
600 McDowell High Drive  
Marion, NC 28752

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