

It was a couple months later when the group ate their Thanksgiving turkey in what Golding referred to as "Jolly ol' England." After next celebrating Christmas with an English family, they finally received their equipment on New Year's Day: tanks, trucks, 105 mm howitzers, and more.

The soldiers were rushed across the channel to Europe, but the Battle of the Bulge was over by then, so the troops were held behind the front lines, in reserve, freezing in France for six long, cold weeks.

Golding recalls an incident next that happened in a muddy orchard.

"We then pulled our trucks, heavy with ammo, into a pretty Dutch orchard, just before the frost left, leaving our trucks axle-deep in sod, eight-wheelers spinning, wench cables straining and shear pins shearing," he said. "After the tank-retriever drug us out one by one, the poor Dutchman's grove looked like a plowed field. Even the road past his farm looked plowed, ready to plant."

He also recalls a spectacular site during his time overseas serving in the Army.

"Watching the bombers go east, then back west, with bomb bays open and parachute cords trailing was thrilling—we knew our paratroopers were on the other side of the river, waiting for us to cross the Rhine River on a pontoon bridge," Golding said. "The day after on the far side of the river was a different thrill when our captain circled our trucks on a hill, visible for miles, and we took a few German artillery rounds. Not much happened where we were, I hurried dressing and moved from the 200 rounds of steel cased white phosphorus 105 mm artillery shells in our truck, which was my bed the night before."

The end of World War II was a strange sight for Golding. He recalls that he was near the Elbe River when he awoke to the scene.

"I got up one morning and wandered out the back side of our barracks and there was a whole battalion with rifles stacked and lining up at a chow truck for breakfast, it took me a minute to realize this was a German battalion getting fed, with rifles stacked, apparently unconcerned that they were in the backyard of a bunch of American G.I.s, who also seemed unconcerned," he said. "More curious than concerned."

And so, the war ended, and Golding returned home to Boone, happy for his military experience, and happy for his safe return, albeit with a few more entertaining stories than when he left.

"Compared to most, my experiences in the U.S. Army were mundane, thank the Lord," Golding said.

I commend Phil Golding for his many years of loyalty and service to our great Nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF  
COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER  
GENERATION AT EXELON  
NUCLEAR'S DRESDEN GENER-  
ATING STATION

**HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 16, 2010*

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the completed construction of Exelon Nuclear's Dresden Unit 1 facility, celebrating 50 years of safe, reliable, nuclear gen-

erated electricity at the Dresden site. Employees and guests will be celebrating this achievement on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.

On August 1, 1960, Dresden Unit 1 entered commercial operation and became the nation's first full-scale, privately financed commercial nuclear power plant. This feat alone marks a great accomplishment in human technological advancement, but also an incredible contribution towards the advancement of our society and the growth of surrounding communities.

Construction of Dresden Unit 1 began in June of 1957 on a site at the mouth of the Illinois River near Morris, just 60 miles southwest of Chicago, and began generating electricity on April 15, 1960. Dresden Unit 1's success was followed by the completion of Dresden Units 2 and 3 in 1970 and 1971, respectively. Although Unit 1 has since been placed in dormancy, Units 2 and 3 continue to generate electricity for our local communities.

Madam Speaker, I also rise to commemorate the approximate 950 employees of the Dresden generation facility, and congratulate all employees, past and present, for their hard work and contributions towards making our communities and our country a better place to live and for showing the world of the benefits of clean and efficient nuclear energy.

With Dresden's annual contributions to the local United Way, its sponsorship of the Grundy County Corn Festival fireworks display and other donations and sponsorships to community organizations and events, the Dresden Generating Station is a shining example of social responsibility and investing in the local community.

As the 11th Congressional District is also home to Dresden's sister-plants, Braidwood and LaSalle, I am proud to represent this facility in the United States Congress and I give thanks for all of Dresden's past successes and wish it the best in the future.

RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH  
ANNUAL LA PLAZA'S FIESTA

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 16, 2010*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th Annual La Plaza Fiesta Indianapolis, which is held in Indiana's 7th district. La Plaza's Fiesta serves as a celebration and representation of the Hispanic culture and its contribution to the fabric of this nation.

Since 1980, La Plaza's Fiesta has been the premiere Latino cultural celebration in Indiana. It is an outdoor event held during National Hispanic Heritage Month to educate and share the Latino culture through diverse mediums including art, music, dance, food and cultural activities. La Plaza's Fiesta also celebrates the Hispanic community's contributions in business, education, government and the arts.

Year after year, La Plaza's Fiesta provides an opportunity to enrich the lives of all Americans by providing an opportunity to explore the rich and unique Hispanic heritage and traditions. La Plaza's Fiesta is a great avenue for people from all walks of life to learn that our unique cultures and histories unify—not divide us. We all have life experiences that can help

each other and our next generations, regardless of our gender, ethnicity or race.

I want to congratulate La Plaza's Fiesta Indianapolis on their 30th anniversary. In your long history, you have enriched the lives of those who attend this event, the City of Indianapolis and our Latino community. It is an honor to represent a district as culturally diverse as Indianapolis, and our great city is privileged to host this event

A TRIBUTE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANNETTE POLLY WILLIAMS

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 16, 2010*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, a dear former colleague and mentor to new legislators and a great stateswoman, Rep. Annette Polly Williams. She is the longest serving woman in the history of the Wisconsin State Legislature. Rep. Williams is retiring from public office after 30 years of outstanding service to her constituents.

Affectionately known as Polly, she was born in the Mississippi Delta region of Belzoni, Mississippi and moved to Milwaukee when she was 10 years old. She is a product of the public school system and fellow graduate of North Division High School. Rep. Williams is committed to ensuring that all children receive access to a good education. Out of her passion to and commitment for education, she became the author/mother of the nation's first true Educational Parental Choice Legislation.

Rep. Williams has made her mark in other areas. She founded the Black Women's Network, the Milwaukee Parental Assistance Center; the Black Leadership Organization. Further, she was the co-founder of the African American Alliance providing political leadership to Milwaukee's African American community; founding member of the Wisconsin African American Women's Center; and served as the co-host for the "Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club" on a local radio station for many years.

Polly is a treasure to our community and will continue her service to those in need. Whether it is someone who has lost a loved one, experienced a natural disaster such as Hurricane Katrina or local flooding, Polly will be there providing compassion and support.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in a salute to Rep. Annette Polly Williams. We wish her well in a retirement that is full of new challenges.

HONORING SAMUEL TABLER FOR  
USDA SERVICE IN IRAQ

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 16, 2010*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Samuel Tabler for his service, sacrifice and commitment to establishing stability and