

war with members of our armed services deployed to hot zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. While these two conflicts are challenging, we are committed to staying the course and assisting the new governments in creating democratic institutions. Second, the long overdue World War II Memorial will finally be dedicated this Saturday to honor arguably the "greatest generation" of Americans. This is a fitting tribute to the millions of veterans who served overseas as well as those civilians who worked on the home front.

At this time, I would like to make special mention of a constituent of mine who recently lost his life in Iraq. Marine Corporal Kevin T. Kolm of Hicksville died last month while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Once again, I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to Kevin's family. There is nothing more honorable or praiseworthy than serving one's country. It is because of brave servicemen like Kevin Kolm that our country will remain free and proud.

MEMORIAL DAY 2004: HONORING
THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR
ARMED FORCES

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, this past Memorial Day, as we paid tribute to the men and women who fought and died to preserve our freedoms in the past, our Nation is at war, and once again, members of our military are paying the ultimate sacrifice. This Memorial Day as we gathered in our towns to pay tributes to the sacrifices of those from past wars, we also remembered the burdens of the soldiers and sailors who followed in their footsteps and serve us today.

As in all battles, soldiers and sailors do not go to war to become heroes. They do not fight because they enjoy the heat of battle. They do not die because they do not love life. They go to war because we, as a Nation, ask them to go and because they are honorable. They go because they believe deeply in the cause of freedom, and they understand the evils of terrorism and the threats it presents to our independence. They die because their lives are taken from them on battlefields. Nevertheless, the loss of even one life weighs heavily on my heart and the heart of every American.

Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom have once again brought our young men and women to the front lines of battle. And, as in the past, at the core of America's military are the same type of men and women, who like their ancestors, have answered the call to arms. And like you, they will draw strength from those who served before them. On D-Day, General Dwight Eisenhower spoke to the troops and said, "You are about to embark upon the great crusade toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. . . . I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle." These same words are as true today as they were on June 6, 1944.

This Memorial Day, as in the past, we gathered in cemeteries and in parks across America. In Washington, D.C., we dedicated the long overdue World War II Memorial. We read

markers and inscriptions that pay honor to our brave patriots. But, the living commemoration for them is not etched in stone on walls or tombstones but in the hearts of free men and women.

To the men and women who have served our nation so well, thank you for all that you have done for our country, continue to do to rekindle the memories of those who are no longer with us, and the support you give to those who carry the burden this day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, and 152, on May 6, 2004, I was unable to cast my vote because I was attending my son's commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in the Army National Guard as well as his graduation at Clemson University.

Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

Rollcall 147, Ordering the Previous Question on Providing for Consideration on Deploring the Abuse of Persons in United States Custody in Iraq, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 148, the Motion to Instruct Conferees to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for Fiscal Year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 149, the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree on Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 150, on Agreeing to the Resolution on Deploring the Abuse of Persons in United States Custody in Iraq, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 151, the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree on Expressing the Sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 152, the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree on Expressing the Concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons, I would have voted "aye."

RETIREMENT OF BUDDY AND PAT
DEAS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to rise today to recognize the retirement of Buddy and Pat Deas. For over 35 years, Buddy taught students of all ages, and his wife Pat was by his side in the classroom during much of that time.

I had the great privilege of learning from Mr. Deas in my high school agriculture class. As a teacher, Mr. Deas always believed in "focusing on the student rather than the subject being taught," and that "while the subject matter is important, it is often the media through which we can teach those larger lessons of life." Buddy Deas emphasized the civic duties each of us has to our nation, and why it is important to always think of ways to help others.

Buddy also influenced me in many areas other than agriculture. In fact, he taught me about public speaking and parliamentary procedure. Without that early influence and knowledge, it is difficult to imagine where I would be today. As a mentor, he taught me how to use these skills; as a friend he taught me why I should use these skills to work for other people. Buddy transcended many areas of education as he coached state champion public speakers and state champion agriculture mechanics teams. He also encouraged others to take up teaching, and even supervised student teachers as they came into their new profession. Furthermore, he taught me other life skills that I continue to use today. Outside of my own parents and God, Buddy Deas had the single largest influence on me as a young man.

Mrs. Deas has been recognized on more than one occasion as an exceptional school volunteer. She and her husband worked exceptionally well together, not just as husband and wife, but also as teachers in the same classroom. In 1993, Alachua County, Florida, recognized Mrs. Deas as its Outstanding School Volunteer of the year. The very same year, she was named the Outstanding School Volunteer for the 19-county Crown Region of the State of Florida. Mrs. Deas was one of 15 school volunteers from around the state recognized at the Commissioner of Education's Outstanding School Volunteer Awards Banquet.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate and offer my sincere commendation to Buddy and Pat Deas for reaching out and touching the lives of thousands of our nation's young people.

TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN HYNEMAN
ELAM

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman, Kathleen Hyneman Elam, who will turn 90 on June 10th.

After graduation from high school in Corinth, Mississippi, Kathleen Hyneman moved to Washington, D.C. to work at the Treasury Department where she became a supervisor. She also met the love of her life while in Washington, Thomas French Elam. They were married in 1945 in Washington and later moved to Union City, Tennessee.

She and her husband, Colonel Tom, quickly became stalwarts of the community, encouraging businesses to move to the area. They were instrumental in getting the Goodyear Company to locate a plant in the area and it today remains one of the largest employers in Obion County. Kathleen was right by her husband's side in this endeavor, always ready to

entertain prospective business clients at a moment's notice.

Mrs. Elam is an active member of the First Christian Church of Union City. An avid gardener, she served as a member of the City Beautiful Committee for Union City. Her husband, Tom, died in 1998. During his life, Tom was a prominent supporter of the University of Tennessee. He served as a Trustee for the University as well as chairman of the Athletic Committee. After his death, Mrs. Elam continued his legacy of support to the University by serving on the UT Development Council and various other committees. Both she and her husband recognized the importance to West Tennessee of the University's campus at Martin and have made generous donations particularly in the area of capital improvements.

Mrs. Elam also supports St. Jude Children's Hospital, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Freed Hardeman University, Lexington Theological Seminary, the Masquerade Theatre of Union City and the Union City High School. As you can see, her philanthropic endeavors know no bounds.

One of her latest endeavors has been, along with Bill and Carol Latimer of Union City, to provide the building funds for a spectacular new library for Obion County.

While beset with health problems and confined to a wheelchair for the last few years, Kathleen Elam is still very much involved in her business endeavors and farming interests and can be seen almost on a daily basis surveying her concerns. A product of her rural roots and the great depression, Kathleen Elam is best known for her quick wit, grace, charm and unpretentious nature. She is definitely a shining example of the Greatest Generation, and a true asset to her community, her state and her country.

HONORING EDWARD L. WAYTULA

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a heroic veteran of World War II, Mr. Edward L. Waytula, who at age 82 still devotes his time and continues to serve our country, most recently by participating in the Chicago World War II Veterans Anthology.

Technical Sergeant Edward L. Waytula served in the U.S. Army's Signal Corps with exceptional ingenuity, bravery and resolve. His diligence in the field helped keep supply lines open in the European theatre and throughout France.

Supplies were delivered to the general depot where Sergeant Waytula was stationed but without any precision or method of organization that could be easily or quickly extracted, as was so often needed to save American and Allied lives in the haste of war.

Among the many supplies that arrived at the depot were urgently needed components of mobile communications equipment. Under fire and tremendous pressure to meet time sensitive demands, Sergeant Waytula quickly sifted through the innumerable supplies.

Relying on sound instincts and a little good luck, he swiftly assembled this equipment vital to gathering and analysis of strategic intelligence under chain of command of General George S. Patton.

This is one story that Sergeant Waytula has shared with the Chicago World War II Veterans Anthology and the United States Library of Congress. Like so many members of "the greatest generation," Sergeant Waytula has rarely spoken of his memories of the war. I am therefore particularly grateful that he agreed to recount those experiences and for his efforts to encourage his fellow veterans to also share their recollections for the World War II Veterans Anthology.

As Memorial Day approaches, Mr. Speaker, and as we prepare to dedicate the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, I am privileged to pay tribute to retired Technical Sergeant Edward L. Waytula of the United States Army, one of our Nation's surviving World War II heroes and honored veterans. On behalf of a grateful Nation, we thank him for his contributions to the Chicago World War II Veterans Anthology, and more important, for his service and commitment to our Nation and the liberty we enjoy today.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARLINGTON COMMITTEE OF 100

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Arlington Committee of 100 on its 50th anniversary this year. With its monthly forums on citizen education and discussion of local and regional public affairs, the committee has helped keep the citizens of Arlington County informed of the issues confronting their community.

In 1954 the Arlington Committee of 100 was formed to help counteract the polarization that developed throughout the county between the new arrivals and the established business and professional people in the community after World War II. The founders hoped to improve the quality and level of communication that existed between Arlington County's diverse communities and neighborhoods. In the past, poor communication had often led to animosity and misinformation between neighbors. Seeking to turn conflict into constructive discussions, the Arlington Committee of 100 brought residents together in an atmosphere conducive for them to get to know each other as people with similar concerns, thoughts and ideas for Arlington County.

For the past 50 years, the Arlington Committee of 100 has brought these groups together for a dinner-forum session preceded by a social hour to create the right atmosphere and achieve the goal of thoughtful discussions of community concerns. The committee has come together to discuss issues such as the Arlington County budget, the environment, affordable housing, community safety, public education, transportation, economic development, the death penalty, and the arts. As a citizen education group, these discussions allow for the free exchange of ideas and discussion among its members without the committee ever taking an official position.

Currently, the Arlington Committee of 100 has more than 300 members and is constantly seeking to broaden its membership to reflect the ever increasing diversity found in Arlington

County. Through the committee's forums people are able to share the concerns of their friends and neighbors and help the county achieve so many great things due to this diversity. The Arlington Committee of 100 has successfully built bridges across divisive issues and strengthened a community that stands ready to deal with the challenges of today and tomorrow.

I am very pleased to congratulate and commend the Arlington Committee of 100 for its 50 years of outstanding service in providing an educational forum for Arlington's residents to learn about and discuss the local and regional affairs of their community. I wish the Committee of 100 many more years of success and serve to Arlington's diverse and vibrant community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday May 13, 2004, I was unable to be present for the final two votes of the week, rollcall vote No. 175 on House Concurrent Resolution 414 and rollcall vote No. 176 on House Joint Resolution 91.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both rollcall No. 175 and No. 176.

I strongly support House Concurrent Resolution 414, which expresses the sense of Congress that all Americans are encouraged to observe the anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education with a commitment to continuing and building on the legacy of Brown.

I also strongly support House Joint Resolution 91, which recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, legislation which has been of great benefit to the Nation's men and women of the Armed Forces.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer a personal explanation. On May 20, I was en route to my congressional district for official business during rollcall votes 208 and 209. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 208 and "no" on rollcall vote 209.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BROWN FAMILY FARM IN ORLEANS COUNTY, NY

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Brown Family Farm in Waterport, NY, now known as Orchard Dale Fruit Farms and