

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These individuals are all outstanding examples of these qualities. They have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and self-sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and outstanding citizens, in addition to all the hardworking union men and women in America. I am proud to represent such dedicated men and women in Congress. Their hard labor and resolute courage are the achievement and fulfillment of the American dream.

HONORING CORPORAL DENNISON

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Corporal LaVerne Dennison, a World War II veteran who fought bravely to protect our freedom and to keep the world safe for democracy.

On June 5, 2004, I had the pleasure of recognizing Corporal Dennison for his heroism and bravery as a U.S. Soldier who fought with the Army-Airforce in the Second World War from September 11, 1942 until January 3, 1946.

During his service in the Pacific theater, Corporal Dennison developed a reputation for deadly accuracy with the M9A1 bazooka. For this he earned the nickname "Deadhead" among his comrades. He fought bravely and honorably throughout his service and made a significant contribution to the Allied cause.

I had the honor of presenting Corporal Dennison with medals he earned during his service to our Nation. They include the Army Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four Bronze Service Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

I am humbled by the courage and service of Corporal Dennison, a true American patriot. I am thankful for the gift of freedom that he fought to protect.