

You are truly a Senator Statesman.

On behalf of the Marshall Foundation, I am pleased to present the 2007 George C. Marshall Foundation Award to Senator John Warner.

HONORING LEE HAMILTON

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, on June 5, I had the privilege of introducing my longtime friend and fellow Hoosier, Representative Lee Hamilton, at a gala where he received the George C. Marshall Foundation Award honoring statesmen of courage and integrity.

I appreciate this opportunity to share with my fellow Senators my speech honoring the distinguished career of this outstanding public servant. I ask unanimous consent that my speech be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.

Thank you for inviting me to attend this remarkable event, which honors two close friends and colleagues, Lee Hamilton and JOHN WARNER.

I have the special honor this evening to pay tribute to Lee Hamilton, with whom I served in the Indiana congressional delegation for more than two decades. Though born in Florida, Lee moved with his family to Indiana where he distinguished himself as a scholar and an athlete at Evansville Central High School and DePauw University. At DePauw, Lee graduated with honors, led the basketball team in scoring and rebounding, and received the Walker Cup, given to the senior judged to have contributed the most to the University during a 4-year career. Lee went on to earn a law degree from Indiana University. He practiced law before Indiana's Ninth Congressional District elected him to the House of Representatives in 1964.

Though our home state was not typically associated with international affairs, both Lee and I sought a seat on the foreign policy committees of our respective chambers, and both of us eventually became chairman. Over the years, we have shared a passionate interest in international affairs, and we have had the opportunity to work together on legislation and projects that we hope will stand the test of time.

The award that Lee Hamilton receives this evening honors the spirit of General George C. Marshall and the Marshall Plan. It is fitting that the George Marshall Foundation would honor the statesmanship and vision of my friend. As an exchange student in 1951 at Goethe University, Lee had the opportunity to study in Europe when the wounds of World War II were still fresh. I have heard him speak of his amazement that even 6 years after the end of the war, he could witness omnipresent bomb damage and encounter rationing that allowed students just one egg per week.

Lee saw firsthand the hope and goodwill that was fostered by the Marshall Plan, and he saw its tangible effects as our assistance began to take hold in many European nations. This success made a lasting impression on Lee that would influence his work in the U.S. House of Representatives.

During Lee Hamilton's 34-year congressional career, he promoted the importance of the U.S.-European relationship as one of the pillars of American foreign policy. He was the Founding Chairman of the Congressional Study Group on Germany, which has facilitated a close working relationship between the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag. For more than two decades, Members of the U.S. Congress and Members of the German Bundestag have traveled to each other's nations to heighten appreciation for trans-Atlantic cooperation and communication. The deep cultural affinity the United States shares with Europe is rooted in our immigrant past and a century of common struggle for the values of democracy, human rights, and political freedom. Lee has always nurtured this relationship and recognized that whatever disagreements might exist, the fundamental interests of both sides of the Atlantic are best served by a resolute European-American partnership.

Having seen the transformational effects of U.S. foreign assistance first-hand, Lee Hamilton has been a stalwart advocate of diplomatic and economic engagement. Lee has always understood that effective diplomacy depends on personal relationships and developing respect for foreign perspectives and cultures. These are principles epitomized by General Marshall, and they are more vital today than ever. They are principles that are at the core of the recommendations of the September 11 Commission and the Iraq Study Group—both of which Lee Hamilton co-chaired with skill and dignity.

In the United States, Lee Hamilton is committed to making sure that the American citizenry knows how Congress works and why engagement with the world is important. His latest project, through the Center on Congress at Indiana University, will create a "virtual Congress" in which students from across the country can assume the role of a Member of Congress attending committee meetings, holding town hall conversations, and offering their own ideas to our current challenges. In this endeavor, Lee is elevating the process of learning about Congress and national issues to a new level. It will result in a better informed citizenry, and, in the end, better government—which is what Lee Hamilton's service to our Nation has always been about.

George Marshall once said that, "Military power wins battles, but spiritual power wins wars." Lee Hamilton's service has epitomized this concept. And that is why European leaders, both current and past, follow a steady path to the doors of the Wilson Center for International Scholars. They know that, in Lee Hamilton, they have an extraordinarily experienced and trusted public servant who can offer sage advice and who continues to devote himself to strengthening the bonds that the Marshall Plan forged more than 60 years ago.

On behalf of the Marshall Foundation, I am pleased to present the 2007 George C. Marshall Foundation Award to the Honorable Lee Hamilton.

232ND BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise today to wish the U.S. Army a happy

birthday. It was 232 years ago today, June 14, 1775, that the Continental Army of the United States was formed.

Over the past 232 years, millions of men and women have served in the oldest branch of our Armed Forces. Their honor, courage, sacrifice, and service are the foundation of America's greatness. The Army principles of "Duty, Honor, Country" represent the core values of America. Every generation of Americans who have served in the U.S. Army—from the Continental Army to our fighting men and women serving today in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere—has been shaped by these principles. They inspire us and will continue to serve as role models for future generations.

The Army has steadfastly protected our way of life and has never turned from a challenge. As the Army Song so eloquently says:

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along,
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Today's soldiers are the newest generation in a long line of dedicated professionals who have put service to the Nation over self. These soldiers, just as those who have gone before them, will continue to protect our democracy and make the world more secure, peaceful, and prosperous.

On this 232nd birthday of the U.S. Army, we recognize and thank all those who have served or are serving our country with pride and honor in the uniform of the U.S. Army, especially those serving today in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Happy Birthday" to the U.S. Army.
HOOAH!!!!

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. President, today, the U.S. Army celebrates its 232nd birthday. Since a time before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the body that soon became the U.S. Army has proudly served the people of this land. This is a birthday that should be recognized by all Americans. Created by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia on June 14, 1775, our Founding Fathers possessed great vision when making the decision to establish the Army. They realized the importance of having a well-trained, reliable, always-ready Army to defend freedom and the rights of the people. The U.S. Army and its soldiers have admirably served in more than ten wars from the American Revolution to the present war on terrorism.

All branches of our military know the deepest depths of sacrifice; and as our oldest military branch, the U.S. Army and its 232nd birthday symbolize