many soldiers returned from the hardships during the war, seeing friends or relatives die in battle, many Americans did not support them and many soldiers felt very unappreciated. Veterans are now beginning to be recognized by other foreign war heroes. Veterans gather at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC to place gifts and state that the war was a tradition that their friends and relatives who fell in the Vietnam War. Families have lost sons and/or daughters in wars. Their thoughts and many others are toward peace and the avoidance of future wars.

Today, let us give thanks to these Vietnam veterans and all the brave men and women who fought. These soldiers are our heroes. They gave their lives for us and for the cause of freedom. May each and everyone be honored for eternity.

What Veterans Day Means to Me
(By Amanda Lally, Grade 7, St. Jane de Chantal Elementary School)
Veterans Day is a very important holiday in our country. It honors all of those who are living as well as those who served with the US armed forces in times of war. We owe so much to those brave men and women who fought for our freedom and protected our country.

I am very proud to have family members who have served for our country. My great-grandfather fought during World War II. He was captured by the enemy and became a prisoner of war, but he survived and came home. My great-uncle fought in the Korean Conflict. They were both proud to serve our country.

Without all of these brave men and women, where would our country be? They put their lives on the line for us. We should not only honor our veterans on this commemorative day, but every day, because without our armed forces there would be no peace or freedom.

To all of the people who have served for our country, you make me feel proud to be an American.

What Veterans Day Means to Me
(By Jennifer Gename, Grade 8, St. Jane de Chantal Elementary School)
In my opinion, I think it is only fair to have a day honoring those who risked their lives to uphold the benefits and principles of our country. They worked hard to uphold our nation’s belief in freedom, and they earned this day of recognition.

Although Veterans Day is probably not one of the most publicly mentioned holidays, it has great meaning towards my family and me. My grandfather served in World War II, and thankfully survived unharmed. He, and all the other men, worked day and night in the midst of shootings, killings, and pain. They didn’t know if they would ever come through a day, let alone survive until the end of the war. If this sort of endurance doesn’t deserve a holiday, then I don’t know what does. These men did so much for our country, so that everyone would be able to lead happy, safe lives.

So, to me, Veterans Day is a very important holiday, because it helps people realize what others went through to help the nation.

Veterans Day
(By William Matuszak, St. Rene Goupil Elementary School)
Veterans Day is a time to remember and honor men and women who have served in the Armed forces. This holiday is celebrated on November 11.

Veterans Day is important to me for many reasons. Both my grandfathers have served in a war. One served in World War II and the other in the Korean Conflict. It is not only important to me, but to everyone, because many families have served in armies and have fought for their countries in war. Veterans Day can also show people between countries, because war is over and we can celebrate that also.

Veterans Day is a very important day to all. Men and women from all over the world have fought for their countries in many different ways, and we honor them on this very day. We celebrate their accomplishments and sacrifices. Veterans Day is a great way to honor all who have died and all who are still living that have served their nation in the military. All of the men and women who are presently serving in our military that God will keep them out of harm’s way.

Mr. Speaker, I wish all of these fine authors the best of luck in their future studies.

College Student Credit Card Protection Act

Mr. SlaughteR, Mr. Speaker, on October 25, 2009, DUNCAN of Tennessee and I introduced H.R. 3142, the College Student Credit Card Protection Act. Madison Avenue and the credit card companies have convinced our college students that getting a credit card is necessary for a fun college experience. But upon graduation, many of these young people find themselves buried in debt. Just recently, the House recognized the need to educate young people on this issue by passing a bill to encourage high schools to teach financial literacy, including credit education. College by college, state by state, this issue is being recognized as a serious problem that needs to be addressed.

A recent report found that one-fifth of the Nation’s college students are carrying credit card debts of more than $10,000. Seventy percent of undergraduates at 4-year colleges possess at least one credit card. One 19-year-old sophomore student in the Rochester, NY Area who had no income recently attempted to declare bankruptcy; he had accumulated a stack of credit cards and owed the credit card companies $22,000! In Knoxville, TN, one college student ran up $30,000 in credit card debt in just 2 years. Students are snowballing into debt through the extension of unaffordable credit lines, presser power to spend, and financial naivete. Low minimum monthly payments and routine cosmetic limits hikes add to the seductiveness of plastic.

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