and to populations of internally displaced persons who remain confined in camps, which should be administered by civilian authorities. These people should be allowed to leave the camps as soon as possible so they can start to rebuild their lives.

As soon as possible, the government needs to begin implementing policies for the devolution of power to provincial councils in the north and east as provided for in Sri Lanka’s Constitution. This and other steps are needed to demonstrate that all Sri Lankans can live without fear and participate freely in the political process. It must address the longstanding, legitimate grievances of the Tamil population so they can finally enjoy the equal rights and opportunities to which they, like other Sri Lankan citizens, are entitled.

There is also the issue of accountability for violations of the laws of war. The LTTE had a long history of flagrant violations of human rights, including kidnappings, extrajudicial killings, disappearances, and deliberately targeting civilians. The Sri Lankan military engaged in similar crimes. Although the Sri Lankan Government prevented access for journalists to the war zone in order to avoid scrutiny of the military’s conduct, video footage was smuggled out. And as the smoke has lifted from the battlefield there are reports that thousands of Tamil civilians who were trapped in the so-called safe zones disappeared in the last months of the war. There is abundant evidence that they were deliberately targeted with relentless shelling and aerial bombardments, despite repeated appeals by the international community that they be spared. There are also growing fears of retaliatory attacks against those who criticized such tactics.

The recent decision of the United Nations Human Rights Council rejecting calls by Navi Pillay, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, for an international investigation of these violations is unfortunate but not surprising. Several of the Council’s members routinely arbitrarily imprison and torture political opponents in their own countries. The Sri Lankan Government, which seeks international aid to rebuild, insists that what occurred there is an “internal” matter and that for outsiders to call for an inquiry would endanger the country and injure the victims. The United Nations must seize this opportunity to unite the Sri Lankan people in support of an inclusive effort to address the causes of the conflict, the United States will be a strong partner in that effort.

HONORING AMERICA’S WORLD WAR II VETERANS

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. President, this week, we pay tribute to those who fought for freedom’s cause during World War II. Two monumental efforts occurred that resulted in turning the war efforts in favor of the Allied Forces. I find the Battle of Midway. Each was a demonstration of our nation’s commitment to freedom, a blow against tyranny, and the tremendous sacrifice everyday Americans are willing to make for peace and security.

This Saturday marks the 65th anniversary of D-day, the day the tide began to turn against totalitarianism in World War II. On that day, Allied troops stormed a Normandy beachhead to claim a foothold on the edge of Nazi-occupied France. More than 1,000 Americans sacrificed their lives during the invasion, including 130 Floridians. As the largest land, air, and sea invasion in history, D-day brought together Allied forces and unprecedented military resources, including more than 150,000 servicemen, 13,000 aircraft, and 5,000 ships. By the day’s end, more than 9,000 Allied warriors had sacrificed life and limb so that others could begin the perilous journey into Europe to defeat the forces commanded by Adolf Hitler. D-day tested the courage and character of every American involved in the invasion. Like those who came before them, the soldiers who fought that day fought courageously for a freedom the men and women of our military still fight to defend.

Coinciding with the anniversary of D-day is the 67th anniversary of the Battle of Midway, another turning point in the war. The battle claimed the lives of 1,100 Americans and helped to stop Japan’s advance across the Pacific. America’s forces executed the mission with tremendous skill and helped deliver one of the war’s most decisive and crucial victories.

On these anniversaries, let us remember and recognize the courage of those who sacrificed their lives to restore hope through the liberation of those in occupied territories. Let us honor and thank those veterans who continue to share their unique stories from these extraordinary years. More than 24 million Americans and thousands of our military men and women of the U.S. military, and continue to bless our great Nation.

COMMENDING KATHLEEN L. "KATIE" WOLF

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I wish to commend and recognize the many accomplishments of Katie, a distinguished public servant and a model citizen who over the years...
has contributed much to her community in Monticello and to the Hoosier State.

A native of Princeton Township, IN, Katie Wolf has long been a pillar of her community. In 1967, she served as the secretary to the founding board of the White County United Fund, now known as the United Way of White County.

In 1968, Katie ran and was elected to the position of clerk of the White County Circuit Court, a role she filled for over a decade before being nominated to the Judiciary Committee for the Democratic National Committee. In 1984, Katie became the first woman to run for and win a position in her district in the Indiana House of Representatives, and during her first term she was elected Outstanding Freshman Legislator. In 1986, Katie was appointed senator for District Seven in the Indiana State Senate.

Throughout her career, Katie has been the recipient of numerous awards and designations, a testament to her stature as a model Hoosier and as a leader in public life in Indiana. She has received the Director's Award from the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the Director's Award from the Purdue University Cooperative Extension, and Legislator of the Year from the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association. Former Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon presented Katie with the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, which is the highest honor that the Governor of Indiana can bestow. It is an award reserved for those who have made outstanding contributions to the Hoosier State. Last month, she received an honorary doctor of laws from Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer.

Next week, Katie will receive an award from the local chapter of Women Giving Together, an organization committed to strengthening the communities of White County. I am proud to have a dedicated public servant in my community and am honored to receive the remarkable service she has rendered on behalf of the people of Indiana and congratulate her on receiving another well-deserved distinction.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF STOCKHOLM, SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of Stockholm, SD. This rural community is the seat of Campbell County in northern South Dakota. The town was incorporated on reaching its 125th anniversary, and I am proud to represent this community on reaching this historic anniversary.

The welcoming spirit of Stockholm's citizens helped sculpt this town's unique history, and I am confident that this strength of character will help them continue through the coming years. I am proud to represent this community. I wish to highlight Elmet Technologies on their recent export opportunities in the years to come.

The firm now employs over 230 people and occupies a 220,000-square-foot facility. Elmet makes top-quality, high-performance advanced materials and specialized refractory metal products, such as wire, filaments, and rods. Its products have numerous applications for a variety of industries. For instance, the company's components and materials are used in electronic devices such as GPS units and digital music players and medical equipment like x-ray tubes.

Elmet supplies a wide range of customers, from IBM and Philips Lighting, to Veeco, which produces processing equipment and metrology tools, and Varian, producers of medical equipment. These firms have turned to Elmet because of its high-quality products, attention to customer detail and specification, and its excellent Maine work ethic. Additionally, what makes Elmet's production method so effective is that the company uses raw materials instead of base materials, allowing employees to easily customize products based on consumer specifications. The company has also earned two critical certifications for quality and environmental standards from the International Organization for Standardization, ISO.

Though an almost 80-year-old company, Elmet Technologies is relatively new to global trade. It began only recently promoting its products abroad and now has clients in places as far away as Europe, Israel, and China. Elmet's strategy is paying off and earning the company much-deserved recognition. Last Thursday, the Maine International Trade Center presented Elmet Technologies with its 2009 Exporter of the Year Award. The award demonstrates the determination and commitment of Elmet's leaders in forging new international marketplaces for its extensive variety of products that serve a wide range of high-tech and emerging industries—from electronics and lighting, to aircraft and automotive.

The Maine International Trade Center is Maine's small business link to the rest of the world. It is a public-private partnership between the State of Maine and its businesses. The center's goal is to increase international trade in Maine and in particular to assist Maine's small businesses. The center's small business link to the rest of the world. It is a public-private partnership between the State of Maine and its businesses. The center's goal is to increase international trade in Maine and in particular to assist Maine's small businesses. Clearly it sees in Elmet Technologies the entrepreneurial spirit and innovation that make Maine's small businesses so unique and successful.

Elmet Technologies' president and CEO, Jack Jensen, has summed up his company's philosophy quite simply: "Listen. Create. Delight." Based on the company's record of success and customer satisfaction, this motto has served the company well in any language. I congratulate everyone at Elmet Technologies on their recent recognition and wish them continued exciting export opportunities in the years to come.

130TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORTHING, SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Worthing, SD. Founded in

July 11, 1890, Worthing, SD, was the economic, cultural, and educational center of a large district in northeastern South Dakota. In 1968, the town joined together to construct a creamery, financed at $25 a share.