

Finally, I have deliberated very carefully about the magnitude of this decision. I recognize that trade with China and trade generally is good for our economy and the American people. At the same time, I look forward to opportunities through the WTO to enhance the protection of human rights as I and other lawmakers have advocated.

Mr. Speaker, a vote for PNTR will not leave any American worker behind. We must export democracy to China and not ignore this momentous opportunity. For these reasons, I will vote to give opportunities to the American worker, I will vote to give opportunities to American businesses, and I will vote to give opportunities to the people of China. We must seize the opportunity to export American values of peace, security, democracy, and a better way of life.

MEMORIAL DAY AND THE KOREAN WAR

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, America could have rejected the role of world leadership thrust upon her after the destruction and loss of human lives in World War II.

But she accepted that role, and in so doing gave Americans an even stronger motive to celebrate Memorial Day this year.

The special significance of this Memorial Day is its proximity to the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War on June 25th. More than a million Americans have died defending their country. Memorial Day is the day we honor them. This particular year, on this particular Memorial Day, with memories of those million dead heroes in formation before us, we might justly order "front and center" to the 55,000 Americans who died in the Korean War.

I've never understood why such a long and brutal war should be known as the "Forgotten War." Perhaps it's the timing. It fell between World War II, a war that mobilized a nation, and the Vietnam War, a war that divided a nation and ended tragically. Perhaps it was the mood of a nation anxious to return to the peacetime pursuits of families and careers after World War II. But whatever the reason, Korea never loomed as large in our historical consciousness as World War II and Vietnam. What better time than the 50th anniversary to give that war and its veterans the recognition due them?

In so doing, we take away nothing from America's other heroes or from the families who still grieve for them. This Memorial Day will still remind us of every sacrifice ever made on every battlefield, and not just to secure our own freedom.

Mr. Speaker, fifty years ago international communism seemed to be the irresistible force

of the future. It was a system geared for war and conquest. While the West greeted the end of World War II with relief and dreams of peace, the Soviet and Chinese masters saw it as the signal for the next wave of expansion. Who in the peace-loving West could stop them? In theory, only the United Nations. In reality, that meant the United States.

When North Korean divisions poured across the 38th parallel into South Korea, America was not prepared. We responded anyhow. The first American units thrown into battle hung or until reinforcements arrived and the enemy eventually was forced to negotiate. South Korea is now free because 50 years ago America kept faith with an ally. Let us now keep faith with the guardians of Korea's freedom and our own.

At first glance, America had no stake whatsoever in the freedom of Korea, so different from us culturally and halfway around the world. But a second, longer glance reminds us of our commitment to freedom around the world. That commitment is no mere theory, but a reality backed up by the blood of our citizen soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines.

Mr. Speaker, many of us knew someone who shed that blood and never came home. It will be a somber day for us, because we can remember that person on our hometown streets or playgrounds, sitting next to us in class, delivering our newspaper or groceries, or pushing a lawn mower on his front lawn. We might remember his laughter, his voice over a telephone, and perhaps even our own shock at reading the news of his death in battle. We may even have tried to comfort a grieving family.

But he isn't really dead. It can be said that no one is truly dead until the last person who remembers him is dead. We can honor our dead heroes by remembering them, every day but especially on Memorial Day.

Again this year the President or someone representing him will place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. But the most heart-felt Memorial Day celebrations will take place at cities, towns and villages all over America. There will be parades, speeches, and decorated grave-stones. For some Americans, Memorial Day will inspire them to write such heart-felt poetry as the following:

"WAR'S GLOW"

(By Steven R. Schutt, Prescott, Arizona)

The old ones; they know  
the pain of war's glow.  
While the youthful dead strive,  
to keep illusions alive.  
Those who survived learned,  
how truth has been burned,  
with a history of heroes  
and reality spurned.  
All who came back, mellowed and aged.  
Time made from forget just how they had  
raged.

But the old ones; they know,  
the pain of war's glow.

Mr. Speaker, as long as such sentiments are alive in the hearts of private citizens,

America will remain a great country and Memorial Day will remain an annual monument to our greatest heroes. This particular Memorial Day, I ask you and all Members to join me in a special salute to the casualties of the Korean War. Let us make the Korean War, the first challenge to communist expansion, a forgotten war no longer.

HONORING JOSEPH THOMAS BRADY, JR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise before you today on behalf of Petty Officer Joseph Thomas Brady, Jr., who on May 31, will receive an Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy after 20 years of service to our country.

Joseph Brady attended St. Matthews Catholic School and Flint Powers Catholic High School, graduating in 1976. While in school, he was an altar boy, a member of Junior Achievement, and several community service committees. He was also a standout athlete, excelling in basketball and football. After graduation, Joseph attended the University of Michigan-Flint, and Jackson State University. After two years at Jackson State, Joseph decided on a different adventure, and joined the United States Navy. He attended the Great Lakes Academy, and graduated in 1980. He was assigned to various vessels, including the U.S.S. *Schofield*, U.S.S. *Jack Williams*, and U.S.S. *Arleigh Burke*, among others. Since May 1997, Petty Officer Brady has served as Transportation Petty Officer and Collateral Duty Supply, as well as Petty Officer for Customer Service.

Petty Officer Brady has been recognized many times for his hard work and dedication. He has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with three Gold Stars, the "E" Good Conduct Medal with six Bronze Stars, an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, and many ribbons and commendations.

I would also like to acknowledge perhaps Petty Officer Brady's wonderful family, including his wife, Lyvonne, and their children, Joey and Jovanna. I am sure they are very proud.

Mr. Speaker, as the father of two sons who have served in our Armed Forces, I have much respect and admiration for the commitment of these fine men and women. We are all very grateful for their decision to work to protect our nation's borders, and to protect and defend human dignity. I congratulate Petty Officer Joseph Thomas Brady, Jr. on completing his tour of duty, and I ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to join me in wishing him the best in his future endeavors.