

America's Armed Forces are exceptional, because unlike other nations our military not only defends the homeland and our people, but we protect the freedom of all men. In World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and in the Desert Storm our men and women have gone to fight for freedom.

The Korean War, regrettably, has often been referred to as the "forgotten war" because it came so quickly after World War II and was overshadowed on the homefront by the Vietnam War and its associated protests. At the outbreak of hostilities, many feared that this tiny peninsula would be the setting for the eruption of World War III as the United Nations joined with the United States and the Republic of South Korea to stop the invasion of the North Koreans backed by both the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China.

The great sacrifice to the world made by the members of this newly established chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, and their more than 54,000 peers, was a huge gift to the cause of freedom. As the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the Mall reads: "Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met."

The charter members of this new chapter should be proud of their sacrifices to defend freedom. Many of them lost friends to the horrors of combat. Their lives were changed in ways that no one can imagine, but they also changed the world in ways that we all can clearly see.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these veterans on the establishment of the Sergeant Harold F. Adkison Chapter and in thanking them for their outstanding service to our nation. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude, one that we can never repay.

TRIBUTE TO TRACY EGNATUK OF ALBION, MI, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Tracy Egnatuk, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship, Tracy is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Tracy is an exceptional student at Albion High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Tracy has received numerous awards for her excellence in academics, as well as her involvement in swimming and track. Outside of school, Tracy is a tutor for the HOSTS Program and a church volunteer.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Tracy Egnatuk for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SENATOR HUGH GILLIS, SR.

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2001

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Senator Hugh Marion Gillis, Sr. for his dedicated service to his country and to the state of Georgia. This year Senator Gillis has attained a distinction achieved by no other member of the Georgia House or the Senate and only one other state legislator in the nation by completing 50 years of service in the Georgia General Assembly.

Senator Gillis comes from a proud family tradition of public service. Without opposition he won the Senate seat that his father left and was then elected President Pro Tem, a seat his father too held. Senator Gillis served 12 years as a member of the House of Representatives from 1941-44, and again from 1949-56, and he first served in the Senate from the 16th District in 1957-58 and returned as the Senator from the 20th in 1963, where he has served with dedication and diligence for 38 consecutive years.

Gillis was born in Soperton where he graduated from Soperton High School and then went on to study at Georgia Military College and earn a B.S. degree in agriculture from the University of Georgia.

It has been said that "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

Senator Gillis has stood up to the challenge of leadership and power with wisdom and humility to be one of the most respected politicians of Georgia.

He has served in the General Assembly longer than any other Senator currently in office. Senator Gillis is by all accounts the nation's longest-serving legislator. His combined Senate and House terms exceed 50 years. In his years of service, Senator Gillis has served as the Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and a member of the influential Appropriations Committee. Other committees Senator Gillis has served on are the Reapportionment Committee and the Finance and Public Utilities Committee as well as the Economic Development, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee. He has also served for six years as the Senate President Pro-Tempore, the highest-ranking Senate official next to the Lieutenant Governor.

Senator Gillis is known for his legislative work and also for his civic volunteering and community service. Senator Gillis has received numerous awards for his civic work, such as

the title of Treutlen County Citizen of the year. Senator Gillis has served on the boards of Private Colleges, The Georgia Poultry Federation, Georgia Forestry Association, and Future Farmers of America.

Senator Gillis is also a deacon at Soperton First Baptist Church and a member of the Lion's Club. He has served as chairman of the Treutlen County Hospital Authority for 22 years.

Senator Gillis, a widower is the father of two sons, Hugh Jr. and Donald; and a daughter, Jean Marie. By profession, he is a farmer and timber grower.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the many accomplishments that have followed in the path of Senator Gillis' career. I am privileged to know such a dedicated and upstanding citizen and to call him my good friend. I thank him for his efforts to improve the lives of so many others across Georgia.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT L. NABORS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Major General Robert L. Nabors, as he relinquishes his command of CECOM and Fort Monmouth in New Jersey.

Major General Nabors 35 years of military accomplishments will be honored at the retirement and change of command ceremony on Friday July 20, 2001. This decorated officer has been a valuable member of the armed forces. He has helped spearhead the development of advanced command, control, communications and electronic warfare technologies essential for transforming the Army. His military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star medal and many more.

Major General Nabors grew up in Lackawanna, N.Y. He received a Bachelor of Science in systems Engineering from the University of Arizona and is a graduate of the Senior officials in National Security Program at Harvard University.

Major General Robert L. Nabors has done this country a great service. He has been a leader for this community and for those he has commanded over the past 35 years. I would like to personally thank Major General Nabors for his dedication and service to our nation and community. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this great man.

TRIBUTE TO CALIFORNIA'S SENIOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, THE LATE STANLEY MOSK

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2001

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to California's Senior Supreme Court Justice, the late Stanley Mosk.