

World War II took place. While D-Day had put the Nazis on the ropes, the war wasn't over yet; as General George S. Patton reportedly said at the time, the Germans could no longer win the war, but the Allies could still lose it.

Lengthening supply lines had endangered the Allied drive to Berlin and reduced the effectiveness of American and British forces. Logistical miscalculations were a serious problem as well.

Then the weather turned bitterly cold; heavy snow and sleet took its toll on soldiers who had gone days without sleep. It became even more difficult to hold strained supply lines together. Fuel and ammunition shipments were not getting where they needed to go. Only the tenacity, courage and ingenuity of the men in uniform kept the good guys moving.

D-Day was a victory, but it wasn't the final victory, as we would soon discover.

The Battle of the Bulge was crucial. Just five months after D-Day, the Allies had yet to seal the fate of the Nazi regime. The Wehrmacht would come back with an offensive that seemed as if it might be unstoppable. The very "bulge" of the battle's name refers not to some physical place, but to the alarming way our military maps showed the major battle line had "bulged" back towards the Allies.

Ultimately it proved to be the Nazis' last gasp, but we couldn't know that at the time. Had the German offensive not been crushed, their improved morale could have caused other reverses and sent the war into a stalemate, prolonging it and leading to thousands more being killed.

The fighting men of America and the other Allied nations had to summon a fierce will to beat back this charge, and did so heroically. It was one of those occasions that showed how right America was to trust in these men to keep our families safe. Our debt to them is enormous.

These men deserve the highest respect. The Battle of the Bulge was one of the most important moments of the second World War, and winning it was critical to winning the war.

Below are 82 veterans and family members of that battle from my home district, Staten Island and Brooklyn, in New York. It is important that we honor their sacrifice while they still walk among us:

William Abell, B. Roger Acker, Albert Agnotti, Elmer Van Arrindell, Salvatore Baratta, Peter P. Benedetto, Anthony Bianco, Dennis Brackett, Maryann Briney, Carmine Burzumato, Gertrude Calvacca, James Campbell, John Capano, Paul Capofari, Barbara Carreras, Raymond Cebula, Rubin Cohen, Edward Connors, Dominic Corcillo, Anthony Cuollo, Edward Curran, Vito Dellagarzie, Anthony DeMaio, Vincent DeSetto, Eugene Devlin, Anthony DiRosa, Henry Dudziec, Frank D'Alleso, Henry J. D'Andrea, Joseph Emmanuele, Angela Fazio, Roy Ferlazzo, Stephen Fiala, Peter Fiorella, Michael Fortier, William Franz, Aldo Furetti, Eugene Gagliardi, George Geissler, Clarence Genau, Finn Gjertsen, Jonas Goldenberg, Stanley Grapes, Robert E. Holmes, John Hynes, Frank Juliano, Rudolph Korman, Robert Landvogt, Alfred Lotz, William Macaluso, Joseph Magliocco, Val Manetta, Anthony Moody, William Morris, John Nee, Charles Nolan, Lenord Parente, Edwin Petrazzolo, Thomas Poidomani, Joseph Reilly, William Reilly, Seymour Richman, Rev. Br. Marion Santor, George Sheppard, Dr. A.

B. Siewers, David Silver, Charles Snyder, Eugene Sobiesiak, Eugene Sorensen, John Spiritus, Joseph Sportiello, Joseph Sterbenz, Ralph Taliento, Herbert Thompson, Dennis Tobin, Horace Turner, Anthony Vaccaro, Ira Wells, Susan Witman, Peter T. Zacked, Dominick Zero, M. Riccio.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL HAROLD KING

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Brigadier General Harold King of the U.S. Air Force, Retired. His death on October 7, 2004, ended a remarkable and distinguished career of service to the Nation.

Benjamin Harold King was born in Oklahoma in 1919. He began his successful military career in February 1942 when he enlisted in the Army Air Force as a flying cadet. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in November and was flying with a fighter squadron in the Philippines a few months later. He served proudly and well during World War II, flying 122 combat missions in the Asiatic-Pacific and European-Middle Eastern theaters. He went on to log 226 combat missions in Korea and over 100 combat missions in Vietnam.

Brigadier General King's decorations include the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, a Distinguished Flying Cross, three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with 24 oak leaf clusters, and the French Croix de Guerre.

Brigadier General King will be remembered, as well, for his legacy of leadership as a commander and operations officer. He succeeded at every assignment and is revered as the father of the modern USAF Air Commandos and Special Operations.

Brigadier General King flew combat in three wars and served in the military for over 30 years before retiring in 1971. He resided in Florence, Oregon, in my congressional district, at the time of his death.

A flight of four F-15s flew directly over his memorial service, a few hundred feet above the local airport where his family, friends, and community members watched the perfect "Missing Man" formation. It was a fitting tribute to Brigadier General Benjamin H. King, Flying Ace.

CONGRATULATING THE WAYNESBORO LIONS CLUB ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY AND INVALUABLE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Waynesboro Lions Club on its 75th anniversary and to recognize the club's invaluable service to the community.

In America, unlike most countries throughout the world, the culture of charitable giving thrives. This is a nation in which freedom is our first priority, and with freedom comes em-

powerment and independence. As a result, individuals take care of each other to ensure a progressive society, creating a community committed to generosity and equality. It is out of this culture that numerous organizations have sprouted and grown upon the foundation of service to others.

At its inception, the Waynesboro Lions Club adopted a commitment to service, which reflects the cornerstone upon which this Nation was built. Since 1929, the club has maintained this commitment by contributing to numerous community projects. Members of the club have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life of those in need, especially the visually handicapped. By providing eye exams and glasses, as well as assisting in the training of seeing eye dogs, the club has made a positive impact on the area's visually impaired.

Without the Waynesboro Lions Club, countless area projects would still be unfinished and many of those in need would still be without aid. The community of Waynesboro has been able to strengthen its cohesion as well as its culture because of the direct involvement of the Lions Club.

The legacy of service that instills a unique pride in the hearts of every American citizen has penetrated the walls of the Waynesboro Lions Club and influenced the lives of scores of people. For its commitment to the citizens of Pennsylvania throughout the last 75 years, I am extremely grateful to the Waynesboro Lions Club.

HONORING CONGRESSMEN AMO HOUGHTON AND JACK QUINN

SPEECH OF

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extol the dedicated public service and achievements of two fellow New Yorkers who are retiring from Congress. AMO HOUGHTON and JACK QUINN have both exemplified commitment and effectiveness during the time they served their constituents in Washington. Their outstanding presence in this chamber will be missed.

When it comes to obtaining federal assistance toward New York's widespread transportation needs, JACK QUINN has fought and won millions of dollars for our state. It has been an honor to work together with him on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. During his 12 years in Congress, JACK QUINN also has distinguished himself by enhancing New York's agriculture industry, protecting our veterans, and advocating the American worker on labor issues.

AMO HOUGHTON saved one of his best achievements for last when he successfully fought this year to keep open the Canandaigua VA hospital that serves New York veterans. He has made a profound impact on both the domestic and international issues considered in this chamber during his 18 years in Congress, and he has worked tirelessly to boost the economy of New York's Southern Tier.

Mr. Speaker, surely I echo the sentiments of many in our state when I say thank you to JACK QUINN and AMO HOUGHTON for taking

such a positive and effective approach to representing New York in Washington. They always put the interests of their constituents first, and both can now retire from Congress extremely proud of their storied careers in the U.S. House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN CAL
DOOLEY

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the service of my colleague, Congressman CAL DOOLEY.

CAL has been a good friend to me personally throughout my time here in the people's house. And on the professional level, I have always been impressed by CAL's intelligence, foresight and just plain hard work.

CAL's service in this body has probably been most influential through the moderate group of Members in the New Democrats Caucus. As co-chair of that pivotal group, CAL worked effectively to build bridges between the two parties to get real results. He championed balanced budgets, job-creating exports and policies to encourage the technology sector. In the process, CAL helped the Democratic party to reach out beyond our core base of supporters to bring people together to get the job done.

I also have enjoyed working with CAL DOOLEY on our joint service on the Committee on Agriculture. CAL has had the honor of representing one of the largest agricultural regions in the nation, a region that grows on the order of 200 different types of commodities. Representing so many varied agricultural interests with conflicting needs would present a challenge to any member, but CAL made it look easy. In addition to fighting for commodities that often receive little to no support from the federal government, CAL has been a tireless crusader for greater funding for agricultural research. As I represent the great agricultural university at NC State, I have deeply enjoyed working with CAL to bring greater resources for AG research. CAL understands that if we don't invest in the future of agriculture, we will quickly lose our competitive advantage in food production to other nations.

So, Mr. Speaker, I congratulate my friend and colleague CAL DOOLEY on the occasion of his retirement from Congress, and I look forward to many more great things from him in the years to come.

HONORING MONICAL'S PIZZA
CORPORATION

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monical's Pizza Corporation (Monical's) for receiving the 2004 Optimas Award for Vision and for receiving the 2004 Winning Workforce Award for Full Service: Family.

The 14th Annual Optimas Awards honor excellence in workforce management and win-

ners are chosen by Workforce Management Magazine. Workforce Management is a magazine that provides current trends and information to business owners. Since 1991, the Optimas Awards have been a source of ideas, direction and inspiration for workforce management professionals. Optimal Award Winners have pushed their organizations to record profits, greater market share, higher stock value, and better corporate results.

In 1997, Monical's began to recognize and instituted a process called the "service-profit chain model," which links employee satisfaction with profitability and growth. This model has proven to be a success for Monical's. Monical's has reduced the turnover rate for employees from 138% in 2001 to 88% today and there have been no turnover among managers within the past 18 months. Guest-satisfaction scores are an enviable 60%.

The Winning Workforce Award for Full Service is presented by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation and Coca-Cola North America. This award honors those restaurant and foodservice operators that truly understand that enhancing employee satisfaction ultimately leads to achieving guest satisfaction. Monical's progressive approach to training and development includes a new blended learning (eLearning) program based on Harvard Manage Mentor as a fundamental way to continue to grow and challenge its employees. eLearning has helped Monical's obtain one of the highest employee retention rates in the industry.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other companies in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefited and strengthened America's families and communities.

TRIBUTE TO DR. STEPHEN A
BENTON

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who spent his life devoted to scientific discovery, and whose accomplishments resonate throughout the fields of holography, medicine, and art. Dr. Stephen A. Benton, inventor and imaging pioneer, passed away on Sunday, November 9, after a lifetime of teaching, creating, and enriching the lives of others with his indomitable spirit of wonder.

Following his undergraduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Benton earned his Master's degree in Science and Ph.D. from Harvard University. He had a passion that extended beyond academia; Benton's interest in holography—the use of laser light to produce three-dimensional images—stemmed from his fascination with the visual presentation of the world. While a student at Harvard, Benton initially worked with holographs for Polaroid Corp., immersing himself in the vision research laboratory that spawned numerous technological advancements for the field of holography.

Believing that he could stretch the boundaries of the artistic and scientific application of holography, Benton explored the most innovative optical uses of his generation. His work

with holography extended beyond the exploratory and into the practical. Benton helped create three-dimensional composites of CT and MRI scans for medical diagnosis, provided retailers with viable options for credit card scanners, and advanced the capabilities of three-dimensional blueprints for architects and graphic designers. Perhaps his most significant achievement, Benton invented the rainbow hologram, a process that makes a hologram visible using common white light. The "Benton hologram" has been critical to the commercial success of image-based holography.

In 1980 Benton returned to MIT as a visiting scientist in the Laser Research Center, and became the founding head of the MIT Media Lab soon thereafter. He chaired the long-running "Practical Holography" meetings for the International Society of Optical Engineering (SPIE) and found funding for both artists and scientists to attend and exhibit their work. He was instrumental in rescuing the Museum of Holography in 1992, bringing it to the MIT museum. His delight in the scientific and aesthetic applications of holography led to his 15 patents in optical physics, photography, and holography.

As we remember Dr. Stephen A. Benton as a pacesetter in the field of holography, I am particularly grateful for his vision that science and art could not only coexist, but benefit each other. May his memory be preserved for future generations of intellectuals, academics, and scientific freethinkers.

TRIBUTE TO KRISTINA KIIK

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. SAM JONES of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with great joy that I recognize Kristina Kiik. Kristina was elected and is believed to be the youngest elector in the history of the United States at the Texas State Republican Party Convention last June.

Next week will be a busy one for the 21-year old Republican in Austin. On December 13th, she will cast her vote for President George W. Bush in the State Capitol at the Meeting of the Electoral College.

A smart and savvy student at Southern Methodist University, Kristina is an inspiration to young people across America.

While attending the Hockaday School in Dallas, the Richardson native beat out countless students across the nation for a coveted position as a Page in the U.S. House of Representatives. Now at SMU, she interned in my District office and continues to make a difference in her community.

What an honor to recognize her for her tremendous achievement and I have a feeling this could be the first of many trips for Kristina to Austin.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable American.

Kristina, God bless you and God bless America.