

"I kept saying that one of these days you're going to wake up from a dream and shoot me," Lovin said jokingly.

He worked in trenches and foxholes after initially landing, and in only a few weeks the engineering corp had built a facility that Lovin moved into for treating soldiers. He spoke of helping to unload injured Marines from hospital ships that had steamed in from Okinawa and other islands once engineers could build a hospital. Lovin said he always remembered though some of the soldiers were bandaged, injured or burned severely they all asked him for cigarettes.

"I always said they ought to pull that ship up to New York and make the American people go aboard that ship," Lovin said.

Lovin's duties were the same on the battleship and with the invasion, but the experiences surrounding his work were vastly different.

"With the Marines there was more of an 'esprit de corps,' because you all depended on the other guy," Lovin said. "Long toward the end of the war I got sent back to go to officer training school at the University of Pennsylvania, but the war ended while I was home on leave."

There was no fanfare for Lovin when the war ended. He was given his severance pay, boarded a train, and came home. Because he had earned his degree from Upper Iowa University before joining the Navy, he was hired as a sports coach in Rockford, Iowa almost immediately after the war. Lovin said the days after the war were excellent times for finding work, as there were so many jobs opening up after soldiers returned from Europe and the Pacific. He moved to Boone to coach tennis, basketball and other sports and joined a number of civic organizations such as the Lion's Club and the American Legion. "I'd never been involved in things like that, living on a farm," Lovin said. He and his wife took picnics, wintered in Arizona for many years and took in the community.

The Lovins eventually met Holdt, the doctor Lovin had worked with in the war, and the two couples visited each other in their respective communities.

Lovin encouraged citizens today to do what they can to understand the importance of the protection the military provides. Donating care packages or sending correspondence to troops can make a big difference, he said.

Much of Lovin's time is now taken by visiting numerous class reunions for all of the years he worked in the Boone schools. His legacy is displayed in the pictures of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren on a wall in his home and in the years of school classes he receives invitations for reunions from.

I commend Chuck Lovin for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING DUANE FURMAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Duane Furman for receiving the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award. He has lived a long and distinguished life and career, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

Duane was born in Dinuba and moved to Madera in 1963 to become the superintendent of Madera School District. Under Duane's leadership, Madera Unified School District unified ten school districts into one and grew to serve a broad range of students and helping them reach their academic potential. Duane's background in education started in the classroom as a school teacher and then principal.

Duane is exceptionally well connected within his professional community. He is a life member of the National Education Association, the past president of the Madera County Chapter of the California Elementary Administrators Association, the state chairman of the California Elementary Schools Administrators Association. In addition, he was the past president of Phi Delta Kappa Delta Chapter, as well as the California Association of School Administrators. This just scratches the surface of Duane's contributions and participation in his professional career.

In addition to professional organizations, Duane is deeply involved in his community. He is past president of Madera Rotary Club, part of the Madera County Mental Health Advisory Board, and part of the Education and Ambassador Committee of the Madera Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Duane was a founding board member of the Madera County Arts Council. He has been given numerous awards including the Fresno State Kremen School of Education Noted Alumni Award, the Phi Delta Kappa Service Award, and the San Joaquin River Trust Director Emeritus Award, all in 2007.

Duane is married to Patricia, also an educator, and they have three children. Presently, Duane serves on the Board of Directors for the Madera Community Hospital, as well as the San Joaquin Valley Paleontology Foundation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Mr. Duane Furman for a life well-lived and wishing him the best of luck and health as he continues setting the standard.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDITH HURLEY STANLEY COLEMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of Mrs. Judith Hurley Stanley Coleman. Mrs. Stanley Coleman, an active philanthropist and environmentalist in her community, passed away on August 1, 2010 at the age of 75. She was a model citizen and adored by her colleagues. Her faithful dedication and commitment toward others is unquestionably worthy of this body's recognition.

Mrs. Stanley Coleman was raised in Asbury Park, New Jersey by her mother and grandparents. She graduated as valedictorian from Asbury Park High School in 1952 and later went on to earn a bachelor's degree in history from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Her academic accolades have earned her a position in the Asbury Park High School's Hall of Fame.

Judith Stanley Coleman's exceptional record of community service can be traced back more than four decades. Mrs. Stanley Cole-

man served as a trustee and held various leadership positions on the boards of the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, Monmouth Medical Center Foundation, Monmouth Medical Center, Monmouth University, Rumson County Day School, Stevens Institute of Technology, Count Basie Theatre, the SPCA, and Monmouth Museum. Her passion for better, more accessible health care was matched by her love of community activism, politics, historic preservation and environmental justice. As founder and President of the Monmouth Conservation Foundation, President of the Save Sandy Hook organization, and a trustee of the Monmouth Park Charity Fund, Mrs. Stanley Coleman fought hard to preserve Central New Jersey's beautiful natural resources for future generations to enjoy. Her work in the community continued with her involvement in public service and politics. Mrs. Stanley Coleman was a member of the New Jersey Highway Authority under former Governor Thomas Kean. She was also appointed the Chairwoman of the Middletown Planning Board and served with this organization for over thirty years. Mrs. Stanley Coleman remained an active member of the Republican Party, serving as New Jersey's Republican National Committeewoman for ten years and fundraising for various GOP candidates throughout the country. She was a leader determined to make a difference in the community. Mrs. Stanley Coleman's unending generosity and charitable activities have undoubtedly touched many lives and have helped countless people throughout Central New Jersey.

As a result of her exceptional work, Mrs. Stanley Coleman received countless awards and honors for her achievements. She was awarded the 1983 Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Salvation Army's Others Award in 1984, and the 2003 Christine Todd Whitman Award of Distinction. Mrs. Stanley Coleman was also listed in the 1987 edition of "Who's Who in American Women."

Madam Speaker, Judith Stanley Coleman dedicated her life to philanthropy and environmentalism and her actions touched the hearts and minds of countless men, women and children. Her legacy has served as an inspiration to us all and she will be truly missed.

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1610 a measure honoring those who perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001. I would like to thank the leadership from both sides of the aisle for their efforts in bringing this resolution to the floor, and I support its swift passage.

By coming together today we show that, despite some of our differences, our entire nation is committed to defending the American people and honoring the memory of those who lost their lives to senseless violence nine years ago.

First and foremost, this effort is about remembering and respecting those who lost

their lives on September 11th. Their presence can never be replaced, and their absence remains with all of us.

I have met many of the families who lost loved ones in the terror attacks, and I share their pain having lost a cousin and many friends myself that day. I know that the pain of that day does not simply disappear with the passage of time. Today, we not only offer our enduring respect to those who died we honor their friends and families who carry on with their lives.

We must never forget that the attack by Al-Qaeda on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were not just an attack on those inside the buildings. They were attacks on the United States of America. The terrorists believed that September 11th would weaken Americans, our values and our way of life. They were wrong. We will not rest until justice is served to those who attacked and murdered innocent American civilians.

IN RECOGNITION OF CALPINE CORPORATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Calpine Corporation on the 50th Anniversary of their commercial operations at The Geysers in Lake County, California.

Calpine Corporation owns and operates the world's largest renewable geothermal power facility at The Geysers. The company's 15 geothermal power plants there are capable of generating up to 725 megawatts of baseload renewable, green energy around the clock.

Calpine is expanding its production at The Geysers through wastewater discharge projects in which clean, reclaimed wastewater from local municipalities is recycled into the geothermal fields where it is converted to steam for electricity production. This provides an environmentally-sound wastewater discharge solution for the neighboring cities and increases the long-term productivity of The Geysers.

In addition to The Geysers, Calpine operates natural gas fueled power plants in 21 states and Canada. Its 93 power plants have nearly 29,000 megawatts of generating capacity. It is the nation's largest operator of combined-cycle and cogeneration plants.

In April 2010, the California Department of Conservation recognized Calpine for its ongoing commitment to safety and the environment for its facilities at The Geysers.

At The Geysers, Calpine owns and operates the Cartwright Geothermal Visitors Center, a 6,500 square foot learning center that is open to the public. More than 60,000 visitors from all 50 states and 77 countries have visited the center. Calpine regularly hosts open houses for the community and guided tours of its plants there.

The 330 full-time Calpine employees at The Geysers volunteer in the community and each year host a popular Earth Day event and contribute to the Blood Bank of the Redwoods and United Way. Calpine helps underwrite local paramedic services, community pools, sports fields and recreation areas.

Madam Speaker, Calpine Corporation is an industry leader and one of the leading community partners in my district. It is therefore appropriate that we honor them today on the 50th Anniversary of their operations at The Geysers.

TYLER SPARKS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Sparks. Tyler is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tyler has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tyler has earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. Tyler has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tyler designed and constructed 6 raised historical gardens at Watkins Mill State Park outside of Kearney, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler Sparks for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING AMERICAN TROOPS WHO DIED ON D-DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on June 6, 1944—D-Day—Allied forces crossed the English Channel to land in Normandy, France. Code-named Operation Overlord, the Normandy landing remains the most massive and complex opposed amphibious invasion in history.

With tremendous courage, the Allies pushed entrenched German forces back from the beaches of Normandy. Thus began the liberation of France and the massive campaign that would ensure the defeat of Nazi Germany in western Europe.

American leadership and the courageous sacrifices made by American servicemen and women were essential to the success of the operation. Led by President Franklin Roosevelt, Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and General Omar Bradley, American soldiers and airmen sacrificed dearly to defend the United States, our allies, and the world against the savage aggression of Nazi Germany and the Axis powers.

Today, let us honor the courage and sacrifice of those thousands of brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to de-

fend the American people and the people of the world from tyranny.

INTRODUCING H.R. 6127—"EXTENSION OF HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY FOR VETERANS WHO SERVED AT QARMAT ALI ACT"

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a bill, H.R. 6127, the Extension of Health Care Eligibility for Veterans who Served at Qarmat Ali Act, to extend the VA healthcare enrollment period for certain veterans who served in the Qarmat Ali region of Iraq.

Soon after the conflict in Iraq began in 2003, Army National Guard units from my home state of Indiana as well as units from Oregon, West Virginia, and South Carolina and National Guardsmen mobilized as individual augmentees from across the nation were called up and tasked with guarding the Qarmat Ali water treatment facility.

For 6 months—from April to September—these National Guardsmen from across the nation bravely guarded the plant, located just outside Basra. Their mission was to secure the facility and provide protective services for the independent contractors who were working throughout the region to restore Iraqi oil production.

Recently, they have been notified of their possible exposure to a toxic chemical known as sodium dichromate and are being asked to come forward, be evaluated, and enroll in VA's Gulf War Registry. Health problems associated with such exposure include respiratory issues, skin lesions, and burns. Contact may cause increased rates of lung cancer and other ear, nose, throat, and skin disorders.

The men and women of these National Guard units completed their mission—and served our country—well. It was hard for me to discover that despite their safe return, their service may continue to put them at risk. In particular, I am very sensitive to the Hoosiers who may have been injured.

Under current law, combat veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War or in combat against a hostile force during a period of "hostilities" after November 11, 1998 are eligible to enroll in the VA health care system, notwithstanding sufficient evidence of service-connection, for five years following separation from service.

This includes members of the National Guard and Reserve who were activated and served in combat support or direct operations as long as they meet certain requirements.

When Congress established the 5 year period of open enrollment for VA health care it was with the understanding that some wounds of war may not manifest themselves until years after a veteran leaves military duty.

But despite our best intentions, we are finding that some veterans are faced with combat-related health problems that were not apparent even 5 years after the veteran re-entered civilian life. This creates a gap in services that unfairly penalizes these men and women for conditions out of their control.