

pleased to notice the attention that you devoted to improvement of educational benefits for war orphans and for the improvement of vocational training for veterans.

As the chairman of the Subcommittee on Education and Training, I want to assure you that I will do everything I can to help get these through but, frankly, I think the whole program you have presented is a wonderful program. I hope we can get 100 percent of it through.

Thank you.

Mr. BEATON. Thank you very kindly. [Applause.]

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Another New Yorker, Mr. Kupferman. [Applause.]

Mr. KUPFERMAN. National Commander, I just want to say that I have always felt that the disabled veteran has had the greatest claim to his country's recognition and I would like to add my felicitations, along with Paul Fino, for my good friend Sidney Siller who is one of your outstanding members and who I think is a perfect example of a veteran taking part in his community activities in a worthwhile way. I might say, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Siller is a member of your party rather than mine but his allegiance to veterans and work in the community knows no party.

Thank you.

Mr. BEATON. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Mr. Helstoski of New Jersey.

Mr. HELSTOSKI. Ladies and gentlemen, members of the DAV, Mr. Commander: I want to congratulate you on your lucid and provocative statement and on the pertinent points you addressed to our concern. It is also the President's concern as evidenced by his messages to the Congress. I hope the second session produces the desired legislation to resolve some of these problems. I want to express assurance that I will work toward the end and achievement of these particular goals that are your goals.

Thank you.

Mr. BEATON. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Mr. Hammerschmidt of Arkansas.

Mr. HAMMERSCHMIDT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Commander, there is very little I can add to the fine expressions given to you by my colleagues on this committee. I, too, congratulate you on this wonderful statement that you brought to us this morning. As you know, this is the first year I have served in this Congress and on this committee. I do not think I could have served under a finer chairman or a finer ranking minority member. You know the great interest that people under these men have, and all of us have, for the veterans of this country. Let me congratulate you for your fine leadership and congratulate all of the people in this room and thank you for the leadership that you bring, representing the disabled veterans of this country.

Thank you.

Mr. BEATON. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Another New Yorker, Mr. Jim Hanley.

Mr. HANLEY. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Commander Beaton, I, too, want to commend you on your very comprehensive report and I can only echo the evaluation of those who have preceded me, inasmuch as we look upon it as probably one