

Also, I would associate myself with the remarks of my friend John Duncan in commendation of Cooper Holt and Francis Stover for the fine work they do with our offices and I can tell you that I am sure every Member of the Congress is as proud of these Voice of Democracy winners you have back here as your organization is.

I want to also assure you that my office and myself will study your digest of national resolutions that you passed in Detroit and give it very serious consideration. Because I know that you represent goals that this Nation seeks and responsibility and, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, that you seek to do the best for the men who have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan.

Thank you, Mr. Commander.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Mr. Roybal.

Mr. ROYBAL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Commander, by the time it gets down to this end everything has already been said. I would, however, like to associate myself with the remarks made by my colleagues, particularly the words of commendation for the excellent statement that you have made.

Now, I am a new member of this committee, but I want you to know that I am very proud to have had the privilege of being appointed, particularly since I will be working under the leadership of one of the best chairmen in the House of Representatives. Since I am a new member I am not familiar with all of the problems of the veterans, even though I am a veteran myself, but you can be sure that I will read your statement again and that I will give every consideration to the problems of the veterans as I learn more and more about their needs.

I believe that the veteran is entitled to not only an ear in Washington, but entitled to the action that the Congress can make possible to benefit the veteran. This committee, it is true, has done an excellent job, but I think that with the men who serve on this committee you can expect a good job to continue.

I thank you for your presentation that you made today.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Commander, these new members don't know it yet, but they will be called on first sooner or later. Mr. Scott.

Mr. SCOTT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Of course I endorse and support everything that the other members have said. I don't think we can too often reiterate our support for these young people, because certainly you are training them to be the adult citizens of tomorrow and I would add my commendation especially to you on that score.

I have an interest in the cemetery program and appreciate the support that your organization is giving to an individual bill that I have introduced for the Manassas Battlefield Park Cemetery to supplement the Arlington facilities that are needed there and you gentlemen have seen this. I appreciate your support.

It is good to have you here today.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Congressman Montgomery.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Chairman and Mr. Commander, I also would like to thank you for this comprehensive report that you have given us this morning. I am also a new member of this committee and there is a lot I need to learn about the committee and also about veterans' affairs and benefits.