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MR. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous sacrifice and bravery of the countless men and women who have fallen in service to this great country. This Memorial Day, let us stop to remember all of the American service men and women who have answered the call to defend our nation, many making that ultimate sacrifice for the peace and preservation of our union.

Since our country's founding, each generation has met the challenge of protecting our freedoms and way of life. Through the centuries, over 1.2 million brave men and women have given their lives for our nation. This final sacrifice was not only borne by those brave Americans who died, but also by their families and loved ones who personally suffered the loss of these heroes. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones in the service of America.

Today, our country is again engaged in battle. Fighting to maintain peace and security across the globe, American soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places around the world continue to make the ultimate sacrifice to ensure freedom and democracy. As the war on terror continues, Americans must honor the brave men and women who gave their lives for the protection of this nation and the hope of peace.

This Memorial Day I pay tribute to all of the soldiers who have fallen in service to our great nation and the immeasurable sacrifices they have made defending freedom and democracy throughout the world. It is with a humble heart and proud spirit that I honor the lives of America's fallen soldiers and remember with admiration their patriotism and dedication to our country in the face of adversity. Let us never forget their sacrifices.