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Forbes Honors Veterans, Announces Veterans History Project

Washington, DC – Congressman J. Randy Forbes (VA-04) released the following statement in honor of the upcoming Veterans Day on November 11, 2003:

"Today we honor our veterans – the men and women who served our country in times of need, and did so without hesitation. It is to those veterans that we dedicate this land, and it is to those veterans that we pay tribute in death for the sacrifice they made in life.

I have always been proud to fight for our veterans because they never stop fighting for America and for their fellow veterans. As a member of the House Military Retiree-Veterans Caucus, I have worked hard to protect the services and benefits of the men and women who served our nation so honorably and without fail, as well as their families.

This Veterans Day I would like to invite you to join me in participating in the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project. This unique project, which I am proud to sponsor, is designed to develop a national collection to capture the experiences of war veterans from all service branches.

There is no better way to honor and give thanks to our nation's veterans than to have their personal experiences recorded as part of the permanent historical record of our nation. The Veterans History Project collects and preserves audio- and video-recorded oral histories from America's war veterans and those who served in support of them, along with other first-hand materials such as memoirs, photographs, diaries, and letters. The project also presents an online National Registry of Service listing the names of all individuals from who the Veterans History Project has received oral histories.

Please join me in helping to ensure that the stories of Virginia's Fourth District veterans are preserved in this important project. Instructions and guidelines for your participation are available at my website, www.house.gov/forbes, or by calling the Veterans History Project at 1-888-371-5848.

To all of our veterans, I say thank you for fighting for America. Thank you for keeping us free. Thank you for your love of our country. Thank you for your sacrifice. Thank you for being a veteran."

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