

**Senator Houck Reports From Richmond**  
**Week of May 29, 2006 (From Lake of the Woods Memorial Day Address)**

When I remember our fallen soldiers, I think of a quote said by one of our great American Generals, Norman Schwarzkopf. He said, "it doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle."

Individuals, especially young adults, can learn a lot from our fallen soldiers. These individuals died protecting our country and our basic freedoms which are taken for granted by so many people. Tennis great, Arthur Ashe once said: "True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost."

Today, we remember those had the urge to serve at all costs.

**American Deaths in battle since World War I:**

- WWI: 116,500
- WWII: 406,000
- Korean War: 36,500
- Vietnam Conflict: 58,200
- Gulf War: 382
- War on Terror: 2,500

In the Virginia General Assembly, we work to honor our veterans and memorialize the dead. As a member of the Budget Committee of Conference, I am working with my colleagues on a final budget to contain funding for the Fredericksburg War Memorial. Additional legislation was passed allowing dependents of active duty military to be Virginia residents for in-state tuition at Virginia colleges and universities. Legislation also was passed providing state funds to build a veterans care center in Hampton Roads and to construct a third state veterans' cemetery.

Memorial Day also is a day to remember loved ones and friends that have passed away. I would like to take this opportunity to remember and recognize a good friend to the Lake of the Woods, Mr. Joe Broderick. Upon his retirement, Joe moved from Northern Virginia to settle in Locust Grove and quickly became a stalwart supporter of the community. With endless enthusiasm and energy, Joe became a part-owner in the retail hardware store, Lake of the Woods Home Center, and joined the Lake of the Woods Rescue Squad.

Possessing uncommon goodwill and concern for others, Joe Broderick did more during his rescue squad duties than respond to calls--he became involved with his fellow citizens in need. Joe sponsored youth baseball and soccer teams and touched the lives and fostered the well-being of countless children. Joe cared deeply for people and encouraged young people to become involved with the Lake of the Woods Rescue Squad; he helped with EMT classes and was meticulously maintained the squad's vehicles and equipment.

Joe will be sorely missed by his loving family, his numerous friends and admirers, the residents of Locust Grove, and the members of the Lake of the Woods Church. It was my honor to introduce a resolution honoring the life of Joe Broderick during the 2006 General Assembly Session.