Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement to honor the men and women who have given their lives for our county, and to encourage 5th District Iowans to take time this Memorial Day to pay respects to those brave service men and women to whom we owe our freedom.

"May this Memorial Day weekend help us to put our lives into perspective, so that we can honor those who have given this country the ultimate sacrifice," said King. "I've been with our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. I've seen firsthand the hardships that they face, yet they endure it all with incredible courage and focus. I offer my sincere appreciation for those who have fought in uniform for our great nation. I also recognize the stalwart families who supported their sons and daughters through their difficult journeys. I hope that this Memorial Day we each can be reminded of the greatness of our nation and be grateful for the freedoms we have because they knew what they were fighting for."