Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King released the following statement to honor the anniversary of the tide turning battle of D-Day.

"On this day 68 years ago, allied forces stormed the Normandy beaches to begin the end of World War II," said King. "5,000 manned ships and 13,000 aircraft sustained the 50 mile stretch of coastline in an intense battle. 9,000 allied soldiers were killed or wounded that day. The battle was not over for more than 100,000 who began the march across European terrain to defeat Hitler. These brave soldiers protected our stars and stripes and fought for our freedom. May we support the military so that President Eisenhower's D-Day message will ring true today; 'The hopes and prayers of liberty loving people everywhere march with you.' Let us take the time to remember that these courageous soldiers took on the enemy directly, and we should continue to honor those currently in uniform."

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