

Washington, DC - Congressman Steve King released the following statement today in honor of Flag Day and the 237th Birthday of the United States Army. It was on this day in 1775 that our nation's Army was established to defend our nation. This day commemorates the slogan of the largest and oldest established branch of the U.S. military, "Army Strong," and recognizes the great service and sacrifice of America's Army. In addition to the Army's birthday, June 14th of every year is also recognized as Flag Day and was established as such in 1949 through an Act of Congress signed into law by President Truman.

"We owe a great amount of gratitude to the men and women in uniform who have selflessly put their lives on the line so we may enjoy the freedoms we have in our beloved nation," King said. "The commitment and dedication of the soldiers in our nation's Army who have served and are currently serving is both inspiring and praiseworthy. I also commend the families of the brave soldiers who have given up precious time with their loved ones for the preservation of our liberty, represented by our Star Spangled Banner. The Army continues to embody the desirable traits and ideals that our Founders Fathers envisioned for this country. Our nation owes its gratitude to those who have answered the call to defend the red, white and blue."