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## Boozman Bulletin: May 30, 2012



On Monday, we celebrated Memorial Day, recognizing and honoring the commitment and bravery of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. I know my fellow Arkansans share my gratitude and appreciation for all military personnel and their families who sacrifice at home while their loved ones are abroad. You can [watch our Memorial Day message here](#).

Memorial Day is one of many days we celebrate in May in appreciation of the service and sacrifices of the men and women who have worn our nation's uniform. We celebrate Loyalty Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, and Victory in Europe Day and also honor the bravery and sacrifice of the selfless heroes currently on active duty on Armed Forces Day. With a number of special days honoring our warriors, this month is recognized as [National Military Appreciation Month](#).

As we celebrate the contributions and the courage of our servicemembers during this special time, understand this gratitude is something we need to share all year long. Please join me in [celebrating the valor and courage](#) of our Armed Forces and veterans by thanking a family member, friend or neighbor who selflessly sacrifices to defend our freedom.

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### Quick Takes:

**National Small Business Week:** Last week we celebrated National Small Business

Week. This is a time to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the economic well-being of America. Arkansans small business leaders visited Washington and we [highlighted their good work in the Congressional Record](#).

**Budget Proposals Strike Out:** It's been more than three years since the Senate passed a formal budget. We need a commonsense spending plan so we can avoid [financial problems like those plaguing Europe](#). The Senate Majority failed to offer a budget, instead bringing five alternative ideas to the Senate floor. While [I supported two of the proposals](#) to get the discussion moving on how to balance our books, all five proposals failed to get enough votes to begin debate.

**Tax Hike Rejection:** Federal Stafford student loan rates are currently 3.4 percent and Congress is [debating how to pay for continuing this rate](#). I am [supportive of using existing funds](#) instead of a tax hike proposed by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

**Arkansas Teachers Recognized:** Congratulations to outstanding Arkansas educators who were honored for their efforts in the classroom by National Math and Science Initiative. [We met with them during their visit to Washington](#).

**Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Congressman Hammerschmidt:** Longtime Third District Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt recently celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Senator Pryor and I [recognized this milestone on the Senate floor](#).

**Saving Rural Post Offices:** In order to cut costs, the United States Postal Service (USPS) proposed closing post offices across the country including nearly 200 in Arkansas. Earlier this month, USPS released a new plan that keeps these important facilities [open with modified hours](#).

**Media Round-up:** If you missed my latest interviews with KASU in Jonesboro or KBJT in Fordyce you can check them out in their entirety by [following this link](#).

