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Spratt To Attend D-Day Ceremonies

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) will join a delegation of House members to England and France to participate in ceremonies paying tribute to the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

Members include House Speaker Dennis Hastert, John D. Dingell, Charles B. Rangel, Ralph Regula, James L. Oberstar, Ike Skelton, Thomas E. Petri, Lane Evans, John M. Spratt, Jr., Amo Houghton, Peter T. King, Robert W. Ney, John B. Shadegg, Mark E. Souder, Todd Tiahrt, Jerry Moran, John B. Larson, Randy Forbes, Jeff Miller. Former Minority Leader Robert H. Michel, a World War II veteran, will also join the delegation.

The delegation will stop first in Cambridge, England on June 4, to participate in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the American Cemetery in Cambridge. Many of the paratroopers who participated in the D-Day left from Cambridge. On June 5, the delegation will visit Omaha Beach and attend a Mass celebrated by Francis Cardinal George, the Archbishop of Chicago. After the Mass, the delegation will go to St. Mere Eglise, to witness the members of the 82nd Airborne reenact the historic airdrop that started the D-day offensive. On June 6, the delegation will participate in the Bi-National Ceremony at Omaha Beach, with President Bush, and later tour Utah beach.

“I am proud to honor those who have given so much to our country,” Spratt said.

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