Tilson congratulates local war vet

 Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson congratulated riding resident and Second World War veteran Fred Heber on receiving the French Legion of Honour.

?Mr. Speaker, recently I had the privilege of being present at the Orangeville Legion for the awarding of the French Legion of Honour to a distinguished World War II Veteran in my riding, Mr. Fred Heber,? Tilson stated last week in the House of Commons, adding Heber was a gunner with the Royal Canadian Artillery from 1941 to 1946. He served in some of the most ferocious fighting of the war.

The Legion of Honour is France's highest honour, dating to the time of Napoleon, Tilson observed.

?More than ever, we owe it to our veterans, and especially those who gave their lives for Canada, to honour and remember their service and sacrifice,? he said in the House. ?This honour is a fitting tribute to Mr. Heber from France for his role in liberating that country.?

?This year, as we mark the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, the 75th anniversary of the start of World War II and the 70th anniversary of D-day, it is to Canadians like Mr. Heber that we must pay tribute,? he added. ?His service, dedication and sacrifice will never be forgotten.?