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Memorial Day is a time for us to remember and honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. Their courage, sacrifice, and selflessness are embedded into the fabric of our history, reminding us of the true cost of freedom. We also recognize the families they left behind. Their grief and loss are profound, but their loved ones' bravery will forever be a source of inspiration to us all.

Throughout our history, our country has faced many challenges, and in each of those moments, there have been heroes who stepped forward to defend our way of life. From the battlefields of the American Revolution to the deserts of the Middle East, American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines have answered the call of duty with courage, commitment, and unwavering resolve.

Few of these men and women set out to be heroes. Most were ordinary Americans who volunteered to serve when they were needed and responded in extraordinary ways when they were called. They came from different places and joined for different reasons, but whatever their roles they knew one true thing: that they *made a difference*. As the poet said, in a country where we have no kings and queens, these men and women are the true nobility of our nation.

Let us remember the fallen, honor their memory, and renew our commitment to the principles they died defending. And let us always strive to be worthy of the sacrifices they made on our behalf, answer the call, and join the ranks of those who keep us free.

Never forget their courage; never forget their sacrifice; and never forget that freedom is not free.

Thank you, and may God bless America.