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ADDRESS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GILA COUNTY, GLOBE, AZ
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Good Morning! Thank you for your Patriotism. It is our honor to be with you this morning and represent the dye in the American Fabric.

239 years ago, a group of responsible individuals sat down and put pen to paper, lodging their concerns and grievances directed toward what was perceived at that time to be the most powerful man in the world.

These gentlemen concluded their treatise with an oath stating: "We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor".

Thus spoke the founders of our Nation in concluding their Declaration of Independence. And since their statement of fidelity, more than six million citizens have bled the ground and over a million and a half souls have bled out on the field; laying down their lives in defense of individual liberty and justice.

And, at this very moment, somewhere in the world, we have asked a young American man or woman to place themselves in harms way. They have done so, and may be bleeding.

So, please understand that on the field where the metal meets the flesh,... duty and honor will always overcome rank and status. And the paramount question we as citizens must ask ourselves each day is; what have we done and what are we doing to deserve their sacrifice?

For in reality, from a true American perspective, the most powerful is not those that sit in the office that is oval nor corporate towers of ivory...No! The most powerful is the individual that stands in the breech between peace and terror... affording others the opportunity to take a seat.

Therefore, let us remember who we are and from where we come... we are of many shades and tribes but one Nation on an epic quest for individual liberty and justice. Let us spend our blood and treasure wisely. Let us be good neighbors and lead by example. Let us always promote those that understand and honor the sacrifice that sustains the American Nation.

We as combat veterans deeply appreciate your recognition of the blood sacrifice for our Nation. And we ,as members of The Military Order of The Purple Heart, pray to the God of our Fathers, that He bless and guide you in your future endeavors. Thank you.

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