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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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March 4, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Room 450
Old Executive Office Building

1:48 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much for that warm welcome. Looking at this array of speakers up here, I can't imagine there's anything left for me to say, because I understand that you have had a briefing from Brent Scowcroft and Secretary Cheney, and also, of course, heard from our very able Secretary of the Veterans Administration Ed Derwinski. What a tremendous job he's doing for our country and for our veterans. And I'm so proud to have him at my side.

I'm glad to see the familiar faces from so many of our veterans organizations -- particularly the VFW and the Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion -- many, many others. I'm going to get in real trouble now for -- (laughter) -- omitting some. But welcome, again; welcome back to the White House.

Let me just begin by giving credit where credit is due. From the day that Saddam Hussein first invaded Kuwait, America's veterans stood rock-solid -- rock-solid behind our troops. You understood from the very beginning what was at stake: the rule of law and the cause of freedom. You understood that when the forces of aggression arise, America must stand ready to do the hard work of freedom.

You understood because you've been there. And you know how important the support of the folks back home is to our troops. Our brave men and women, as you have heard, are coming home soon -- home to the respect and the gratitude of the American people. And let me tell you -- they have sure earned it. (Applause.)

I am pleased to say -- and you've seen it all in this age of instant television communication -- that we're making progress in our journey from war to peace. The cessation of combat operations that went into effect midnight Wednesday is, as you've heard from Dick Cheney, holding -- for the most part, it is holding. General Schwarzkopf has reported, and then the Secretary called me yesterday morning about this -- that Sunday's desert meeting with the Iraqi commanders really met -- made great progress.

I liked it -- what General Schwarzkopf said on the television when he said, "Look, we're not here to humiliate anybody." And then he went ahead and laid down the rules that should be fulfilled. And it looks like he made great, great progress on that.

Already 10 coalition POWs, including several Americans, are on their way back home. But I'll tell you, I don't think any of us, particularly in this audience -- and I know I speak for the three up here behind me on this stage -- can relax at all until every single one of those prisoners is home and every single missing is accounted for to the best of the ability of the Iraqi forces, and also that the Kuwaiti detainees are returned -- every single one of them. And that's our goal. (Applause.)

And clearly, on a sad subject, that requires the returning of the remains of all our fallen heroes.

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We've received information on the location of the mine fields in and around the theater of operations, so that the rebuilding of Kuwait can begin safely. And it's my understanding, Dick, that -- you told me that he got immediate satisfaction on that question of the mine fields. So that's good -- that shows some real signs of progress and cooperation.

Our goal remains what it's been all along -- Iraq's complete and unconditional compliance with all relevant United Nations resolutions and its implementation of all the requirements to be found in Security Council Resolution 686, passed overwhelmingly just this -- late Saturday afternoon, just this past Saturday. This would allow us to move beyond the current suspension of military operations to a more permanent and stable cease-fire.

Now, this has been a triumph -- a triumph for the 28 nations united against aggression. But as I said in my address to the nation the final night of Kuwait's liberation, this is not a time to gloat or it's not a time to brag. It's a time to be proud, fiercely proud -- proud of our troops, proud of our friends who stood with us, and proud of our people. Their strength and perseverance endured that our success was as certain as our cause was true.

We're here today to ensure that our nation always remembers those who defended her -- the heroic men and women who stood where duty required them to stand. And we owe it to our veterans that they return to an America confident and full of promise. Much work remains to be done on the domestic scene. We've got to tackle that with a new determination. But the American people, I am convinced, are up to the job, as they have always been.

Let me close with the words of Abraham Lincoln, who spoke to the nation on this very day, but back in 1865, at the end of a devastating civil war. Here was the quote; most remember part of it:

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Those words are inscribed on the marble of the memorial which bears Lincoln's name. They were from the President's second inaugural. They were a fitting call to honor the nation's veterans.

I made a comment right here at this podium the other day about shedding the divisions that incurred from the Vietnam War. And I want to repeat and say especially to the Vietnam veterans that are here -- and I just had the pleasure of meeting some in the hall -- it's long overdue. It is long overdue that we kicked the Vietnam syndrome, because many veterans from that conflict came back and did not receive the proper acclaim that they deserve -- that this nation was divided and we weren't as grateful as we should be. So somehow, when these troops come home, I hope that message goes out to those that served this country in the Vietnam War, that we appreciate their service as well. (Applause.)

I am very grateful to our Secretary of Defense, to the commander of our -- to the Chairman of our Joint Chiefs, and to our CINC in the field, General Schwarzkopf, and to each and every one of them -- I expect, knowing some of you, that you took the same pride I did in one of our G.I.s when these Iraqis came tearing out to surrender. And they had fear written all over their faces because they'd been told that this would be their end. And I thought there was something very moving and touching when that American sergeant said, "We're not going to hurt you. We're not going to hurt you."

And we are a generous nation. And we've got a lot to do now; we've got a lot to do to heal the wounds. Our argument has never been with the people of Iraq, with those hapless soldiers that

were sent to a fate that they didn't even know what was in store for them. Our argument has been with Saddam Hussein. Our argument has been with a dictator who created aggression against a neighbor.

And so, as we rejoice in our victory, I think we can also rejoice in the fact that we are a humble nation, that we have pride, of course, in what took place, but we are not gloating. We are not trying to rub it in. What we stood for was a principle. And now we've got to stand for doing what's right by our veterans, and we've got to stand for doing what's right by those countries whose freedom we saved around the world.

Thank you all for your fantastic support. Isn't it great to be an American in these wonderful times? (Applause.)

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1:57 P.M. EST

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the version with the joke crossed out on page one, is the version that was forwarded to the President.

I spoke with Christina on Friday night (who had just happened to call into this office) and explained to her.

Sharon/
Phil Brady's office.

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THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*
FROM: MARY KATE GRANT *MKG*
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Grant/Simon
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SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1865

a month
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Civil War
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Weeks of wet weather preceding Lincoln's second inauguration had caused Pennsylvania Avenue to become a sea of mud and standing water. Thousands of spectators stood in thick mud at the Capitol grounds to hear the President. As he stood on the East Portico to take the executive oath, the completed Capitol dome over the President's head was a physical reminder of the resolve of his Administration throughout the years of civil war. Chief Justice Salmon Chase administered the oath of office. In little more than a month, the President would be assassinated.

Fellow-Countrymen:

At this second appearing to take the oath of the Presidential office there is less occasion for an extended address than there was at the first. Then a statement somewhat in detail of a course to be pursued seemed fitting and proper. Now, at the expiration of four years, during which public declarations have been constantly called forth on every point and phase of the great contest which still absorbs the attention and engrosses the energies of the nation, little that is new could be presented. The progress of our arms, upon which all else chiefly depends, is as well known to the public as to myself, and it is, I trust, reasonably satisfactory and encouraging to all. With high hope for the future, no prediction in regard to it is ventured.

On the occasion corresponding to this four years ago all thoughts were anxiously directed to an impending civil war. All dreaded it, all sought to avert it. While the inaugural address was being delivered from this place, devoted altogether to *saving* the Union without war, urgent agents were in the city seeking to *destroy* it without war—seeking to dissolve the Union and divide effects by negotiation. Both parties deprecated war, but one of them would *make* war rather than let the nation survive, and the other would *accept* war rather than let it perish, and the war came.

One-eighth of the whole population were colored slaves, not distributed generally over the Union, but localized in the southern

part of it. These slaves constituted a peculiar and powerful interest. All knew that this interest was somehow the cause of the war. To strengthen, perpetuate, and extend this interest was the object for which the insurgents would rend the Union even by war, while the Government claimed no right to do more than to restrict the territorial enlargement of it. Neither party expected for the war the magnitude or the duration which it has already attained. Neither anticipated that the *cause* of the conflict might cease with or even before the conflict itself should cease. Each looked for an easier triumph, and a result less fundamental and astounding.

Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God, and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces, but let us judge not, that we be not judged. The prayers of both could not be answered. That of neither has been answered fully. The Almighty has His own purposes. "Woe unto the world because of offenses; for it must needs be that offenses come, but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh." If we shall suppose that American slavery is one of those offenses which, in the providence of God, must needs come, but which, having continued through His appointed time, He now wills to remove, and that He gives to both North and South this terrible war as the woe due to those by whom the offense came, shall we discern therein any departure from those divine attributes which the believers in a living God always ascribe to Him? Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said "the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

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everything that needn't be done today. Sponsor: Procrastinators' Club of America Inc, Les Waas, Pres, PO Box 712, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009.

OLD INAUGURATION DAY. Mar 4. Anniversary of the date set for beginning the US presidential term of office, 1789-1933. Although the Continental Congress had set the first Wednesday of Mar in 1789 as the date for the new government to convene, a quorum was not present to count the electoral votes until Apr 6. Though George Washington's term of office began on Mar 4, he did not take the oath of office until Apr 30, 1789. All subsequent presidential terms (except successions following the death of an incumbent) until Franklin D. Roosevelt's second term began on Mar 4. The 20th Amendment (ratified Jan 23, 1933) provided that "the terms of the President and Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January . . . and the terms of their successors shall then begin."

PENNSYLVANIA DEEDED TO WILLIAM PENN: ANNIVERSARY. Mar 4. To satisfy a debt of £16,000, King Charles II of England granted a royal charter, deed and governorship of Pennsylvania to William Penn on Mar 4, 1681.

PERKINS, FRANCES: CABINET APPOINTMENT ANNIVERSARY. Mar 4. Frances Perkins became the first woman appointed to the president's cabinet on Mar 4, 1933. She was appointed Secretary of Labor by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

PULASKI, CASIMIR: BIRTH ANNIVERSARY. Mar 4. American Revolutionary hero, General (and chief of cavalry) Kazimierz (Casimir) Pulaski, born in Poland, Mar 4, 1747. Died aboard the *Wasp* following wound received at Savannah, GA, Oct 11, 1779. Pulaski Day is celebrated on the first Monday of March in Illinois.

SPACE MILESTONE: OGO 5 (US). Mar 4. Orbiting geophysical laboratory collected data on sun's influence on Earth. Launched Mar 4, 1968.

SWEDEN: GASTRO NORD 91. Mar 4-7. Stockholmssmassan, Alvsjo. International trade fair for large-scale catering, hotels and restaurants. Info from: Swedish Tourist Board, 655 Third Ave, 18th Fl, New York, NY 10017.

UNITED NATIONS: COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION CONFERENCE. Mar 4-22. Geneva, Switzerland. 40th session. (General Assembly resolution 2106 A [XX].) Info from: United Nations, Dept of Public Info, New York, NY 10017.

VERMONT: ADMISSION DAY BICENTENNIAL. Mar 4. Became 14th state on this day in 1791.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY

Chastity Bono, daughter of Sonny and Cher, born at Los Angeles, CA, Mar 4, 1969.

Bobby Fischer, chess player, born at Chicago, IL, Mar 4, 1943.

Jane Goodall (Baroness VanLauck-Goodall), anthropologist, born at London, England, Mar 4, 1934.

Charles Goren, bridge expert, columnist, born at Philadelphia, PA, Mar 4, 1901.

Kay Lenz, actress, born at Los Angeles, CA, Mar 4, 1953.

Miriam Makeba, actress, singer, born at Johannesburg, South Africa, Mar 4, 1932.

Barbara McNair, actress, born at Racine, WI, Mar 4, 1934.

Catherine O'Hara, comedienne, writer, born at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Mar 4, 1954.

Paula Prentiss (Paula Ragusa), actress, born at San Antonio, TX, Mar 4, 1939.

Mary Wilson, singer, born at Detroit, MI, Mar 4, 1944.

MARCH 5 — TUESDAY

64th Day — Remaining, 301

AUSTRALIA: EIGHT HOUR DAY OR LABOR DAY. Mar 5. Western Australia and Tasmania. Parades and celebrations commemorate trade union efforts during the 19th century to

limit working hours. Their slogan: "Eight hours labor, eight hours recreation, eight hours rest!" In New South Wales it is called "Six Hour Day."



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GREEN COUNTRY JAZZ FESTIVAL. Mar 5. Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK. A day-long concert featuring the state's finest high school and university bands. Clinics throughout the day; an all-out gala in the evening. Info from: Northeastern State University, Arts and Letters College, Tahlequah, OK 74464.

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SANDHILL CRANE MIGRATION. Mar 5-Apr 7. Platte River, Grand Island, NE. Season to view migrating birds. Info from: Platte River Whooping Crane Trust, 2550 N Diers Ave, Ste H, Grand Island, NE 68803.

TOWN MEETING DAY. Mar 5. Vermont. The first Tuesday in March is an official state holiday in Vermont. "Nearly every town elects officers, approves budget items and deals with a multitude of other items in a day-long public meeting of the voters. This is a very significant day for Vermonters."

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THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*

FROM: MARY KATE GRANT *MKG*

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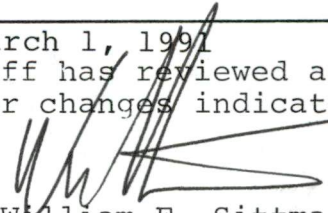
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RESPONSE:

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The National Security Council staff has reviewed and concurs in the attached remarks with only the minor changes indicated.


William F. Sittmann

cc: PHILLIP D. BRADY
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FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Drop By: Veterans Briefing,
Room 450, EOB, Monday, March 4, 1991

Pursuant to Phillip Brady's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection. You have our compliments on the "March fourth" joke.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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KUWAIT, AMERICA'S VETERANS STOOD ROCK-SOLID BEHIND OUR
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I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN OUR JOURNEY FROM WAR TO PEACE. THE CESSATION OF COMBAT OPERATIONS THAT WENT INTO EFFECT MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY IS, FOR THE MOST PART, HOLDING. GENERAL SCHWARZKOPF HAS REPORTED THAT SUNDAY'S DESERT MEETING WITH IRAQI COMMANDERS MADE REAL PROGRESS.

ALREADY, TEN COALITION P.O.W.'S, INCLUDING SEVERAL AMERICANS, ARE ON THEIR WAY BACK HOME; OUR REMAINING POWS SHOULD NOT BE FAR BEHIND. *We cannot relax until...* WE ALSO ANTICIPATE A QUICK ACCOUNTING FOR ALL M.I.A.'S AND THE RETURN OF THE REMAINS OF FALLEN HEROES. WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION OF MINEFIELDS IN AND AROUND THE THEATRE OF OPERATIONS SO THAT THE REBUILDING OF KUWAIT CAN BEGIN SAFELY.

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*Concur as is -
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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Veterans Briefing

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1991 \ 1:45 P.M.**

**THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, FOR SUCH A WARM WELCOME ...
I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE BEEN BRIEFED BY SECRETARY CHENEY
AND GENERAL SCOWCROFT, AS WELL AS OUR VERY ABLE
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, ED DERWINSKI -- AND WHAT
A TREMENDOUS JOB HE'S DOING. // I'M GLAD TO SEE THE
FAMILIAR FACES FROM AMERICA'S LARGEST VETERANS GROUPS
-- THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, THE DISABLED AMERICAN
VETERANS, THE AMERICAN LEGION, AND OUR OTHER VETERANS
ORGANIZATIONS. WELCOME, AGAIN, TO THE WHITE HOUSE.**

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**I WANT TO BEGIN BY GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS
DUE. FROM THE DAY THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN FIRST INVADED
KUWAIT, AMERICA'S VETERANS STOOD ROCK-SOLID BEHIND OUR
TROOPS. YOU UNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS AT STAKE: THE RULE OF
LAW AND THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT WHEN
THE FORCES OF AGGRESSION ARISE, AMERICA MUST STAND
READY TO DO THE HARD WORK OF FREEDOM.**

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YOU UNDERSTOOD BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN THERE. AND YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THE SUPPORT OF THE FOLKS BACK HOME IS TO OUR TROOPS. OUR BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN ARE COMING HOME SOON -- HOME TO THE RESPECT AND GRATITUDE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. // AND LET ME TELL YOU -- THEY'VE EARNED IT. //

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I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN OUR JOURNEY FROM WAR TO PEACE. THE CESSATION OF COMBAT OPERATIONS THAT WENT INTO EFFECT MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY IS, FOR THE MOST PART, HOLDING. GENERAL SCHWARZKOPF HAS REPORTED THAT SUNDAY'S DESERT MEETING WITH IRAQI COMMANDERS MADE REAL PROGRESS.

ALREADY, TEN COALITION P.O.W.'S, INCLUDING SEVERAL AMERICANS, ARE ON THEIR WAY BACK HOME; OUR REMAINING POWS SHOULD NOT BE FAR BEHIND. WE ALSO ANTICIPATE A QUICK ACCOUNTING FOR ALL M.I.A.'S AND THE RETURN OF THE REMAINS OF FALLEN HEROES. WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION OF MINEFIELDS IN AND AROUND THE THEATRE OF OPERATIONS SO THAT THE REBUILDING OF KUWAIT CAN BEGIN SAFELY.

OUR GOAL REMAINS WHAT IT HAS BEEN ALL ALONG: IRAQ'S COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL COMPLIANCE WITH ALL RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS, AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE FOUND IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 686, PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY LATE SATURDAY EVENING. THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO MOVE BEYOND THE CURRENT SUSPENSION OF MILITARY OPERATIONS, TO A MORE PERMANENT AND STABLE CEASE-FIRE.

THIS HAS BEEN A TRIUMPH FOR THE 28 NATIONS UNITED AGAINST AGGRESSION. BUT AS I SAID IN MY ADDRESS TO THE NATION THE FINAL NIGHT OF KUWAIT'S LIBERATION, THIS IS NOT A TIME TO GLOAT OR BRAG. IT'S A TIME TO BE PROUD -- PROUD OF OUR TROOPS, PROUD OF OUR FRIENDS WHO STOOD WITH US, AND PROUD OF OUR PEOPLE. THEIR STRENGTH AND PERSEVERANCE ENSURED THAT OUR SUCCESS WAS AS CERTAIN AS OUR CAUSE WAS TRUE.

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO ENSURE THAT OUR NATION ALWAYS REMEMBERS THOSE WHO DEFENDED HER -- THE HEROIC MEN AND WOMEN WHO STOOD WHERE DUTY REQUIRED THEM TO STAND. //

WE OWE IT TO OUR VETERANS THAT THEY RETURN TO AN AMERICA CONFIDENT AND FULL OF PROMISE. THE HARD WORK OF FREEDOM AWAITS US -- BUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE UP TO THE JOB, AS THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN.

LET ME CLOSE WITH THE WORDS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, WHO SPOKE TO THE NATION ON THIS VERY DAY IN 1865, AT THE END OF A DEVASTATING CIVIL WAR:

"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE, WITH CHARITY FOR ALL, WITH FIRMNESS IN THE RIGHT AS GOD GIVES US TO SEE THE RIGHT, LET US STRIVE ON TO FINISH THE WORK WE ARE IN, TO BIND UP THE NATION'S WOUNDS, TO CARE FOR HIM WHO SHALL HAVE BORNE THE BATTLE AND FOR HIS WIDOW AND HIS ORPHAN, TO DO ALL WHICH MAY ACHIEVE AND CHERISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AMONG OURSELVES AND WITH ALL NATIONS."

THOSE WORDS, INSCRIBED ON THE MARBLE OF THE MEMORIAL WHICH BEARS HIS NAME, WERE FROM PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S SECOND INAUGURAL. THEY WERE A FITTING CALL TO HONOR THE NATION'S VETERANS.

GOD BLESS OUR VALIANT SOLDIERS, THOSE WHO HAVE RISKED THEIR LIVES AND THOSE WHO HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES -- MAY WE HOLD THEIR MEMORY SACRED FOREVER. AND MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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