



GEORGE W. BUSH

June 12, 2010

I send greetings to those gathered at Indian Ledge Park for the 2010 Connecticut Fallen Heroes Memorial Tribute.

In every generation, members of our Armed Forces have answered the call to serve in America's hour of need. These courageous and selfless warriors have fought for our highest ideals and our greatest hopes. Our country will never forget those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The United States will always honor the memory of Connecticut's fallen sons and daughters. We are incredibly proud of their service, and I am honored to have been Commander in Chief of the finest force for freedom on the face of the Earth.

Our Nation's Gold Star Families are remarkable patriots. I know you carry a great burden of grief, and I hope you are comforted by the knowledge that your heroes helped make our country and our world a more peaceful place for future generations.

I appreciate those who helped make this event possible, and I am grateful to all who support our military, our veterans, and their families. Your efforts pay tribute to the enduring accomplishments of the extraordinary men and women who gave their lives in defense of our flag and our freedom.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you, and may God bless our great Nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being significantly larger and more prominent.