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Dear Veterans of the Vietnam War and Special Guests:

Today's site dedication is a truly momentous occasion, the first step toward making the National Vietnam War Museum a reality. For too long, our nation has been without a place where we can learn about and discuss the Vietnam War, a critical point in American history. I am proud that this national museum will be right here in Parker County, Texas, and I congratulate you for all of your hard work.

To this day, the Vietnam War era remains one of the most controversial and misunderstood periods in our nation's history. However, I believe this museum will improve scholarship and promote more informed discussion and debate about U.S. activities—both military and political—in Vietnam.

The National Vietnam War Museum is possible thanks to the hard work and dedication of a group of U.S. helicopter pilots that served in Vietnam, and many of these brave men are being honored here today. As a result of their dream—and their tireless efforts to turn that dream into a reality—current and future generations will have an opportunity to learn about the Vietnam War, ensuring that the sacrifices of those brave men and women who served our nation are never forgotten.

The efforts of all those involved in this endeavor are admirable, and I am certain that the museum will promote a better understanding of the Vietnam War and the role it played in shaping the America we know and love today. Thank you for your vision and dedication.

Sincerely,



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