

LOYALTY DAY – 2009

(GREETINGS)

TODAY MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST OFFICIAL OBSERVANCE OF LOYALTY DAY, A DAY ESTABLISHED TO COUNTERACT THE MAY 1ST CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES.

THOUGH THE COMMUNIST THREAT HAS GREATLY SUBSIDED OVER THE YEARS, LOYALTY DAY HAS CONTINUED TO BE A DAY WHEN WE RECOGNIZE AND REAFFIRM THE AMERICAN PRINCIPALS OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

WOODROW WILSON ONCE SAID, "AMERICA WAS ESTABLISHED NOT TO CREATE WEALTH BUT TO REALIZE A VISION, TO REALIZE AN IDEAL – TO DISCOVER AND MAINTAIN LIBERTY AMONG MEN." UNQUOTE.

AS WE MEET HERE TODAY, WE MUST KEEP IN OUR MINDS OUR MOST PATRIOTIC OF CITIZENS ... THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT, AND THOSE WHO ARE FIGHTING TODAY TO MAINTAIN OUR LIBERTY AND WAY OF LIFE. IT IS AN AMERICAN IMPERATIVE AND A PRIORITY TO RECOGNIZE DAILY ALL OF OUR SERVICE MEMBERS WHO CONTINUE TO SACRIFICE SO MUCH TO PROTECT OUR DEMOCRATIC VALUES, AND THE VERY IDEALS UPON WHICH THIS NATION WAS FOUNDED.

**THOSE AND ADDITIONAL SACRIFICES WILL
CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED FROM OUR MILITARY
AND OUR NATION IN ORDER FOR OUR DEMOCRACY
TO PREVAIL. WE MUST ENSURE COMFORT AND AID
TO THOSE WHO GIVE SO MUCH OF THEMSELVES AND
BE CERTAIN TO LET THEM KNOW THAT AMERICA
STANDS BEHIND THEM AND IS FOREVER INDEBTED
TO THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE.**

**THIS LAND ... OUR LAND, IS A PLACE WHERE
HUMAN DIGNITY IS CHERISHED ABOVE ALL.**

**IT HAS TAKEN MANY LONG STRUGGLES TO
MAINTAIN OUR FREEDOM AND TO UPHOLD THE
GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS**

**AND THE IDEALS THAT THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA WAS BUILT UPON.**

**AS WE CONFIDENTLY LOOK TO THE FUTURE, WE
TAKE PRIDE IN KNOWING THAT OURS IS A LEGACY
THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE PASSED TO OUR
CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, AND TO
ALL PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.**

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.