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Vietnam Veterans, Governor King, Dignitaries and Guests

- On behalf of U.S. Senator Paul E. Tsongas, I am pleased to participate in this memorial service today.
- A memorial whether it is a service, a monument or a Day set aside looks both to the past and to the future.
- We look to the past, back to Vietnam as one of the most difficult experiences in our life as a nation. Yet we must remember those who died there and served there with the same honor, respect and affection which we have bestowed on Veterans of other wars.
- We look to the future. A nation whose spirit was fractured by Vietnam cannot be whole again by putting off the care, the concern and the respect which we owe to those who served honorably there.
- Senator Tsongas voted yesterday to restore to the budget \$300 million for Veterans services. He will vigorously support legislation to extend the life of the Vietnam Vet Centers.
- May this ceremony and Vietnam Veterans Day be a symbol of our commitment as a people to respect, protect and honor the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness of those who relinquished their lives, their liberty and their pursuit of happiness, some forever, some for a time, by serving honorably in Vietnam.

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