Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

Today, I join the American people in recognizing and honoring our veterans who have put their lives on the line to serve and protect the United States of America.

Our troops make unimaginable sacrifices for their fellow Americans. They leave their homes and their families to ensure the safety and freedom of the American people, many of whom they have never even met.

In Texas alone, we have over 1.5 million veterans currently living in the state. These men and women have fought to defend our way of life and their devotion to God and country is the definition of selflessness.

It is now our duty to care for those who have risked it all to protect us.

As our armed forces bear the brunt of protecting our liberty and freedom, our veterans deserve all of the respect and care that our nation has to offer.

There must be programs in place to ensure that our veterans are able to transition back into civilian life. This means comprehensive and patient-focused healthcare as well as job opportunities.

As we welcome home new generations of veterans, we must ensure that these programs are in place and are being properly managed to afford our troops every opportunity for a smooth transition back to their lives here at home.

These men and women fought for our freedom, and now we must fight for them.

To all of our veterans – I cannot express my gratitude for everything that you have done for our country. You are the best our nation has to offer. You make us all proud to be Americans.

As always I appreciate your comments or your questions on this topic or any other. May God bless you and your family, may God bless our troops and our veterans, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.