

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address May 24, 2013 “A Memorial Day Reflection”

Hello this is your congressman, Michael Burgess. For more than two centuries, our nation has recognized fallen soldiers who have died while serving in combat for our country. What was once called “Decoration Day,” Memorial Day is our opportunity to remember those who have died while defending our nation’s freedoms and values.

I hope you will have a moment to reflect with family and friends on the meaning of this holiday. To me, it is more than just another three day weekend. Memorial Day allows us to visit cemeteries and memorials that honor those that have given everything in service to our country.

Yesterday, the soldiers of the Third U.S. Infantry’s “Old Guard” carefully placed small American flags on every service members’ grave at Arlington Cemetery. The tradition has honored our fallen heroes for over half a century. Even if you do not know someone who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our civil liberties, I encourage you to take part in a Memorial Day activity as well.

Fly your U.S. flag at half-staff, pause for the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 O’clock, or attend a local parade and memorial service. It only takes a few moments to keep the reason for Memorial Day alive for your children – to honor the sacrifice of past generations. And it is my job as your Congressman to help ensure that our Veterans and their families are given the respect that their service has earned them.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. May God bless you and your family, may God bless those who sacrifice and serve our country, and as always, may God bless Texas.