

of America affords, we are all aware of our duty to love our country, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag to defend it against its enemies. That Baltimoreans and Marylanders adhere to these basic rules of patriotism is evident by this outpouring of people here today.

In these critical times, with our freedom and our way of life threatened from all sides by the forces of tyranny and oppression, it is essential from time to time that we renew our faith in the principles upon which this Nation was founded. Today is such an occasion, and it is most gratifying to observe the spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving that we feel here in celebrating "I Am An American Day." I am grateful, as I know all of you are grateful, for the many privileges I enjoy as a citizen of the United State of America. I am proud, as I know all of you are proud, to be an American. Let us, then, renew our pledge to love our country, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws and to defend it against its enemies. And let us say together, with pride and with gratitude:

"I am An American!"

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I am pleased to join with the people of Bethesda and Chevy Chase on this Veterans Day to pay tribute to the brave men who fought in the great wars of our nation to safeguard our American liberties and our American way of life. We should feel gratitude, not only on Veterans Day but on every day of the year, to the heroic Americans who sacrificed their lives that we might live in greater security and greater happiness.

It is certainly appropriate that we set aside a day of each year to pay our respects and express our gratitude to our courageous soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen. Perhaps the highest tribute we could pay to the veterans of our wars — those of our generations and of generations of the past — would be to renew our resolution to work for an enduring peace and our determination to keep our country strong enough to resist any enemy that may assail it.

We all pray for the day when we may be able, as the Scriptures say, to beat our swords into ploughshares and our spears into pruning