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Attendees of the Proud to be an American Boat Parade Monticello, IN 47960

Dear Friends,

It is with great pride and respect that I write this letter. Today in Monticello we are celebrating American Military veterans.

My heart is heavy thinking about my comrades who did not come home and the parents of those veterans. I think about my parents, I was a prisoner of war for over two years of the Japanese Army. I think how hard it must have been for them waiting each day and night to hear something from me.

The brave young men and women of the United States Military Forces march on and on. They gave so much and ask for so little. Year after year proud but not boastful of their roll in keeping America the LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE; to them we owe so much.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving my country and being elected 43 Governor of the great state of Indiana.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Sincerely,

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