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Independence Day a Time to Reflect, Come Together
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The Fourth of July is a day to spend time with family and friends, grill out, attend a parade, or just enjoy the warm weather. It is also a day to think about the meaning behind Independence Day, the history of our country, and the cost of the liberty we hold dear.

It always instills in me a sense of pride to see the stars and stripes going up all around the 46th District. I especially enjoy taking part in the festivities, such as Sun Prairie's Flags of Freedom Parade. It presents a fantastic opportunity to interact with community members and allows us to get together to honor America and share our pride in the liberty and opportunity that we as a country have enjoyed for two hundred and forty years.

It is important on days such as Independence Day to reflect on how we came to this point in time, and on those that sacrificed to get us here. Whether it's a member of the armed forces, an abolitionist, a civil rights leader, or a member of the women's suffrage movement, many people struggled and fought to allow us to enjoy the rights we have today. It's not something we will forget, and we are forever thankful that due to their sacrifices, we are able to gather with loved ones to watch fireworks, have a hot dog or a brat at a picnic, and enjoy a bonfire.

We live in a time of increased partisanship. But the Fourth of July is a good opportunity to reflect on the values that we still have in common as citizens of the United States of America, and to remember that we all share the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Abraham Lincoln said it best when he stated "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection." So while we may have disagreements on how best to run the government, we must remember that each one of us is lucky to call the United States our home. That is what we celebrate this upcoming holiday weekend.

I wish you all a safe and happy Independence Day!

Rep. Gary Hebl represents the 46th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Sun Prairie and Stoughton, the village of Cottage Grove, and the townships of Cottage Grove, Dunkirk, Pleasant Springs, and Sun Prairie.

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