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Pearl Harbor Day

On December 7, we as a nation recognize and honor all of the brave Americans who lost their lives as a result of one of the worst attacks that has ever taken place on United States' soil. 79 years ago, hundreds of Japanese fighter planes destroyed one of our U.S. naval bases near Honolulu, Hawaii more commonly referred to as "Pearl Harbor."

This attack stands as one of the greatest tragedies in the history of the United States. More than 2,400 Americans died, nearly 20 ships were sunk, and more than 300 airplanes were destroyed. After Japan attacked our homeland, President Franklin D. Roosevelt insisted Congress declare war. As a result, the United States joined the Allied Nations in World War II on December 8, 1941.

Since then, there have been many initiatives passed by Congress to protect against further devastations from occurring here in the United States.

While there are many ways to observe "Pearl Harbor Day," the most important one is not forgetting about this day in our history and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Often times we forget about our past and how we got to where we are today and that freedom is not free.

You can learn more about this day in our history by going to one of our wonderful local libraries to grab a book to share with your friends or family, or even just talk to others about the topic with a neighbor. Many of our veterans would love to have a conversation with the next generation on the importance of defending our country. There will always be something new to learn and it is a great way to keep our minds busy through the winter months.

Thank you to all those who have sacrificed and served our country. I hope you and your families had a great Thanksgiving and a happy hunt.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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