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National Military Family Appreciation Week

For many Americans, Thanksgiving is an opportunity to spend time with family and reflect on those things for which we are most grateful. How fitting then that the week we celebrate Thanksgiving, we also honor the tremendous contributions of the families of the men and women who serve in our Nation's military. Serving in the Armed Forces is a challenging endeavor that requires teamwork to be successful. Our military team would not be complete without the loving support of our family members.

Our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen work long hours and deploy for extended periods of time. Many in uniform will be away from loved ones this Thanksgiving holiday. I am extremely proud of the selfless commitment of our military, and I realize that they could not have done it alone. The men, women, and children of our military families are at the heart of our Armed Forces, and their contributions are absolutely vital.

On behalf of the Joint Chiefs, I join all Americans in paying tribute to our military families. Thank you for everything you do to support freedom around the world.

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