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I send my best wishes to all those celebrating the 10th anniversary of Gene Vance Jr. Day and Armed Forces Day at The Gene Vance Jr. Foundation. The foundation's mission to increase the quality of life for our wounded veterans is admirable, and I am grateful for your continued commitment and hard work. Through your educational initiatives, financial assistance, and family and community support, The Gene Vance Jr. Foundation has impacted the lives of countless veterans.

When I think of the courage and valor Gene demonstrated, I think of the great sacrifices our Service members, veterans, and military families continue to make every day, and I think of the life-changing work of organizations like yours. I am committed to our country's sacred obligation to properly prepare our troops when they fight for our freedom and to take care of them and their families when they come back home. That obligation includes making sure our wounded veterans have the best quality of life our Nation can offer.

The heroes who serve our Nation and risk their lives on the battlefield represent the best of who we are as Americans. Their devotion to duty, honor, and country knows no bounds, and our Nation owes them a profound debt. The sacrifices they make keep us all safe, but the wounds they carry—both visible and invisible—should not be theirs to bear alone. Those who answer the call of service to our country will always have my support. I am glad to know they have yours too. Thank you again for all that you do. God bless you, and God bless our troops.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.