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Mayor Stines' Statement on Observation of Memorial Day

Mayor Elijah Stines issued the following statement today about the observation of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27:

"Memorial Day means different things to different people. To some, it is a welcome three-day weekend. To others, it is the unofficial start of summer. But all of us should remember its true meaning – a day of remembrance to honor and express our gratitude for those who have given their lives in defense of our country, freedom and liberties. We have an obligation to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States of America and its highest ideals.

"I encourage everyone to pause for one minute at 3:00 p.m. Monday for the National Moment of Remembrance as a sign of unity and to remember those fallen men and women. This year, I hope those who are able to do more – such as flying the American flag, attending a memorial service, writing a thank-you note to a veteran, supporting a veteran-owned business or volunteering with a veteran-related cause – will do so. And I can't help but think of the quote from someone whose name was long forgotten but whose spirit lives on, 'If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of American worth fighting for.' Let's all strive to be the kind of American worth fighting for."

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