



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*A Message from the Governor  
in honor of:*

*Armed Forces Day  
May 15, 2010*

*As a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and as the son of a World War II veteran, I know the men and women of the U.S. armed forces serve this nation with great pride and patriotism. Their service preserves each American's inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*

*It has been said many times before, but it is as true today as ever: Freedom is not free. Many have courageously faced great dangers and sacrificed much, both in times of war and times of relative peace. Whether they waded ashore at Normandy over half a century ago; endured exhausting training regimens on our bases at home and abroad during peacetime; or are riding patrol on the streets of Iraq today, America's armed forces have tirelessly upheld the ideals of our country.*

*With their common bonds of selflessness and bravery, our veterans are a credit to our nation and our state. Their legacy of courage and conviction endures in the form of our most precious gift: freedom. This day serves as an opportunity to honor those who have served our nation.*

*At this very hour, our armed forces stand in harm's way, serving our nation and the cause of liberty for all mankind.*

*First Lady Anita Perry joins me in sending best wishes on this day. All of Texas honors the men and women of our nation's military for their service and sacrifice for our country.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry".

*Rick Perry  
Governor*

