



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

*A Message from the Governor
in honor of:*

Memorial Day

May 27, 2013

Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this: that he lay down his life for his friends."

Throughout our nation's history, the freedoms we enjoy have been won and protected by a brave few who understand that greatest and most selfless love. The men and women of our armed forces risk the ultimate sacrifice to combat tyranny and oppression. Every time they put on the uniform, these heroes renew their commitment to pay any price, to bear any burden, so that we might be free.

Many have given not just their time, but their lives for this cause. On this day of remembrance, our hearts are torn with sorrow for heroes lost and filled with pride for the way they lived their lives. To these brave individuals, we owe the most profound respect and gratitude. To their loved ones, too, we owe our deepest thanks.

We pause today to reflect on these men and women of selfless devotion, and we are all reminded that our liberty — all too often take for granted — comes at a tremendous price. May all Texans be forever grateful.

First Lady Anita Perry joins me in paying tribute to these men and women of the highest honor.



Sincerely,

Rick Perry

*Rick Perry
Governor*