



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

November 9, 2016

To all in attendance at today's ceremony: welcome!

We are pleased to extend warm greetings to the many family members of our national Medal of Honor and Texas Legislative Medal of Honor recipients and to all gathered here this morning. We join you in paying tribute to our home state heroes.

Texans have long defended this great nation. From Audie Murphy to Clarence Sasser to Chris Kyle, numerous Texas heroes have answered the call to service and have rightfully been honored for their valor in action.

Every day in the Texas Capitol, we honor the bravest of the brave through the "Above and Beyond: Medal of Honor in Texas" exhibit. While this exhibit has been viewed by hundreds of thousands of visitors since it was unveiled by the State Preservation Board for Veterans Day in 2014, today's launch of the new digital platform allows even more visitors to have the opportunity to learn about our national Medal of Honor and Texas Legislative Medal of Honor recipients. This new digital platform includes two touchscreens here in the Capitol, as well as a new website. The digital components will provide new information about these brave Texans, including additional photos and added information about their families, their lives and their military service. Folks from all across Texas, the country and the world will be able to celebrate and honor them.

America is the brightest beacon of freedom the world has ever known because of the men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces. In times of war and in times of peace, our mighty military stands ever ready. We are forever grateful for their service and sacrifice, and because of digital exhibits like this, their stories of heroism will never be forgotten.

May God bless our military members, veterans and their families, and may God forever bless the United States of America.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

Governor Greg Abbott

Handwritten signature of Cecilia Abbott in black ink.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott