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Ms. Ruth Coder Fitzgerald
President
The Vietnam War in Memory Memorial, Inc.

Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401-5602

Dear Ms. Fitzgerald,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the observance of "In Memory" Day. I appreciate hearing from you.

As you may know, in May, Senator Arlen Specter introduced a concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 34) relating to the observance of "In Memory" Day. This resolution expresses the sense of the Congress that "In Memory" Day should be observed on the third Monday in April of each year. The resolution honors the men and women of the United States "whose deaths had a basis in their service" during the Vietnam War. It recognizes those men and women as true examples of patriotism and sacrifice.

S. Con. Res. 34 has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for further consideration. As I am not a member of this committee, I will not have the opportunity to vote on this resolution in its present form. Should it come before the full Senate for consideration, I will be sure to keep your support in mind.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, I value the sacrifices shown by our men and women who proudly served in the military. The service to this nation by our veterans is something that we should also cherish and remember. I support efforts to celebrate and recognize the fine record of military achievement that our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines have accomplished. I have fought and will continue to fight against unnecessary cuts in veterans' programs that would compromise our nation's commitment to the guardians and protectors of our freedom.

Thank you again for contacting me. If I can assist you further with any other matter, please do not hesitate to call on me again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Santorum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rick" and last name "Santorum" clearly legible.

Rick Santorum
United States Senate

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