

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0907

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Jerry E. Pierce  
Chairman of the Board  
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Dear Chairman Pierce:

How fitting it is that you and other Central Florida Veterans leaders who have been instrumental in bringing a dream to a reality with the construction of the new Veterans Hospital at Lake Nona that you now honor all those who have served our nation with a Memorial Park.

While the medical facility each of you has helped create will help heal wounds of war and service, the adjacent Memorial Park will provide a special place to heal the heart and touch the soul of many loved ones.

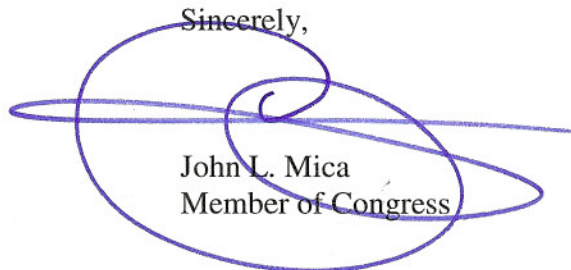
It has been my great honor to work with you and other leaders and veteran heroes to help make the Veterans Hospital possible. Now it is my privilege to endorse and support your efforts to make this park and Veterans Memorial a special place for us to remember and pay tribute to all those who have served and paid the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation.

As you may know, my Dad died in a crowded Veterans Hospital in South Florida. With the new hospital and this Memorial Park you honor his memory and the thousands of other Americans and Central Floridians who paid an incredible price so that each of us may enjoy the freedoms of this great land.

It is my pleasure to join you in this outstanding effort that will add a new dimension to our new hospital and provide a place of healing and reflection for our veterans and their loved ones.

Most respectfully, I remain

Sincerely,



John L. Mica  
Member of Congress