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Mayor

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Mr. Jerry E. Pierce Chairman Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park Foundation Inc. PO Box 4303 Winter Park, FL 32793-4303

Dear Mr. Pierce:

It is with great pride and gratitude that I extend my complete support for the Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park at LakeNona.

Central Florida recognizes its debt to the many men and women who served courageously and gave their life to ensure the freedoms we hold dear for Americans and for millions around the world. It is therefore fitting that we honor the legacy of these heroes in a respectful and enduring manner. The Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park will provide an environment of peaceful healing, as it sits in the midst of beautiful protected habitats and waterways adjacent to the new Veterans Affairs Medical Center, a top of the line health facility for the veterans while the Park will provide a place of healing for their families and loved ones.

The Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park will serve as a reminder of the strength and resilience of the American people, honoring those who gave all for their family, friends, countrymen and all humanity. I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in supporting this worthy and noble effort.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Crotty

Orange County Mayor