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Mr. Jerry E. Pierce
Chairman
Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park Foundation, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Pierce:

I am proud to lend my voice of support for the Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park at Lake Nona.

The debt of gratitude Central Florida and our great country owes to the men and women who lost their lives in their fight for all the liberties we, as Americans, enjoy is incalculable. Many times, we take these freedoms for granted and need to be reminded of the reasons we are able to live freely and without oppression. It is only fitting to honor those soldiers who have fallen in their line of duty to the United States of America with a memorial that is indicative of their service – strong, resilient, prideful and resolute. Further, it is only natural that it be in a place that offers peaceful reflection and healing for the families, loved ones and visitors of the fallen. It will come to serve as a place for remembrance of their lives and honor and the memories that endure as part of that ultimate sacrifice paid to their country.

The Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park will be a focal point of the dedication our community has to our veterans and their fallen comrades. Being located on the campus of the newly-built Veterans Affairs Medical Center, it will afford those visiting and arriving for care the opportunity to pay their respects. This effort is the epitome of American fortitude and drive and I commend you for your commitment to see this to fruition. I encourage all Orange County citizens and Central Floridians to stand with me in our collective support for this memorial.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Teresa Jacobs".

Teresa Jacobs