



Good afternoon.

I am glad I can be here today to take part in this very special service honoring law enforcement officials who lost their lives in the line of duty and those who continue to serve.

Let's reflect for a moment on the sacrifices made by the men and women who work in law enforcement.

They do a job that is not desired by many, and they do it with great pride. They spend their lives protecting the lives of their fellow citizens. And doing their job well sometimes, tragically, leads to the loss of their own lives. That is truly the ultimate sacrifice.

And let's not forget the families of officers. They also make a daily sacrifice. Every time their loved one goes to work, they are faced with the knowledge that it might be the last time they say goodbye.

So today, let's take a moment and think of the nine-thousand men and women who faithfully serve the citizens of Minnesota, and who work every day to preserve our freedoms, civil rights, property, and our lives.

Thank you.