



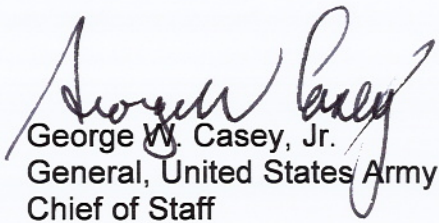
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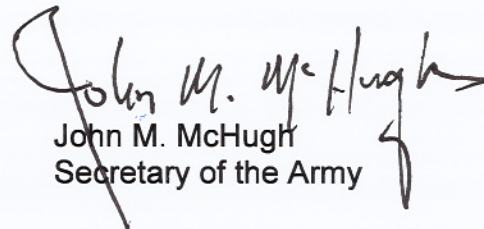
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In Honor of Our Gold Star Wives

Earlier this year, Congress designated today—December 18, 2010—as “Gold Star Wives Day.” Congress established Gold Star Wives Day in order to recognize the sacrifices of the many wives who have courageously helped to carry the banner of freedom for which their husbands gave their lives. These women have endured tremendous hardship and pain. And, yet—even as living reminders of their husbands’ total commitment to our Nation and the ideals it stands for—Gold Star Wives continue to give of themselves.

Gold Star Wives—thank you, for both your incredible sacrifice and your commitment to the Nation. Know that you will always be a vital part of our Army Family, and that we will never waiver in our commitment to support you. We salute you!


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