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Mr. Donald R. Christy
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Dear Mr. Christy,

Thank you for inviting me to join you today to celebrate the unveiling of the "Hometown Hero Veterans Banner project." I wish I could be with you in person; however, I appreciate the opportunity to share a few words with you.

I would like to congratulate the City of Santa Fe for becoming the first city in the State of New Mexico to participate in the "Hometown Hero Veterans Banner Project." I would also like to congratulate and thank Mr. Donald Christy and the American Legion Lucero Y Nava Post 12, Santa Fe City Councilor Joanne Vigil-Coppler and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 996 for their continued advocacy for this project. It is my hope that more cities and towns across New Mexico will follow your lead to pay tribute to our heroes who answered the call to serve.

As we gather to celebrate and pay tribute to the brave men and women of our armed forces, we remember the proud traditions of military service in our state. Generations of New Mexicans have answered the call to serve when their country needed them most. Today, we pay tribute to those who served to keep our nation free – who fought in Europe and the Pacific, who held the line in Korea, who endured jungle warfare in Vietnam, and who braved the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our gratitude for your service and sacrifice is unabating. Through projects like Veterans Banners, we recommit ourselves to fulfilling the pledges made to our service members. We remember the names of those who proudly wore our nation's uniform and pay tribute to all who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

That is why I proudly support the Hometown Heroes Veterans Banner Project and will continue to fight for our service members, veterans, and their families in Congress. If the need arises, please reach out to my office for assistance.

Thank you for all that you have done and all you will do to help us form a more perfect union. May God bless you and may God bless our service members, veterans and their families.

Sincerely,

Ben Ray Lujan
Member of Congress
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