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Secretary Gale urges reflection on Veterans Day

LINCOLN – As the nation prepares to observe Veterans Day on Nov. 11, Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale urged Nebraskans to reflect on the extraordinary contributions and sacrifices of the millions of American men and women who have served in the armed forces.

“The United States sits in a position of great strength today because the military throughout our history has protected our security and our democratic ideals,” Gale said. “Our military personnel have made the sacrifices to ensure that future generations in the United States and elsewhere can enjoy their freedoms.”

He said it would be fitting to remember the brave Americans who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan or have served there.

“We grieve for those Americans who have been killed in these conflicts,” he said. “For our military personnel in these war zones, we pray for their safety and a successful completion of their missions.”

Gale earlier this year started the Honor a Veteran program, which encourages Nebraska middle schools to honor veterans for their service by holding events in connection with Veterans Day.

Under the program, students are asked to provide the names of relatives or friends who have served in the military. Those nominated are honored at the school events.

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