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In the years following, the tradition grew; and in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day by a proclamation.

Today is a day to unite to pay tribute to the people of Troy and surrounding areas for the wonderful display of patriotism which I witnessed over this past weekend. On Sunday, tens of thousands of people from Troy and surrounding areas came together to celebrate the fact that we live in the freest and most open democracy on the face of the Earth.

They actually recognized the fact that freedom is not free, and that we paid a tremendous price for it. And so today, I rise with gratitude all of those who, like my brother, Bill, made the supreme sacrifice, all of those who in the past wore the uniform of the United States military, like some of the people I am looking at in this very Chamber.

Also, I thank all of those who currently are in active service in our military protecting our interests here at home and around the globe.

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