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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, I am pleased to welcome you to this special service honoring our Vietnam Veterans and families. I would also like to thank the Trenton Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution for hosting this event.

Throughout our country's history, we have been blessed by courageous men and women who risk their lives to protect our country and secure peace and democracy in troubled nations. We are humbled by their choice of a life of honor and duty, and we take great pride in their efforts to help improve the quality of life for people in foreign lands. On this day in 1973, at the expense of nearly 900 South Carolina lives and 58,000 casualties, our troops were withdrawn from Vietnam. This war is a reminder to all of us that the cost of freedom is high.

Michael and I thank our veterans and their families for their selfless service and sacrifice, and we wish you all the best for a wonderful day. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikki", is written over the typed name.

Nikki R. Haley

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