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TO: Representative Richard Geist      ✓ Representative Jerry Stern  
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Dear Rick and Jerry:

I didn't have an opportunity to speak to either of you after last Friday's superb ceremony honoring our Vietnam Veterans, but I did not want to let this moment pass without expressing my deepest, heartfelt thanks for being so honored, along with my fellow veterans, by the Blair County citizenry.

The program and its organization were outstanding, as was your selection of the Honorable Sam Hayes as the guest speaker. His remarks were right on track and very moving. His presentation should be required reading/listening by each federal legislator before they vote on whether or not to dispatch our military into a hostile fire zone somewhere on our planet.

After nearly 30 years of active, Federal, US Army service, including one year in Vietnam in the 9<sup>th</sup> (US) Infantry Division (1967-68), I have a good feel for what it takes to execute an event such as this one. Please pass on to all your staff this Vietnam Veteran's very sincere appreciation for all the effort they put forth to make this event so successful. I am certain that I speak for all the Vets present at the Jaffa Mosque last Friday when I say to you "THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR WELCOMING US HOME".

  
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