

First, let me thank the homeowner's association for inviting us to hold this ceremony again this year. It is an honor to be asked to do this.

On June 14th of every year, we come together to celebrate Flag Day. It was on this day in 1777 that the Continental Congress adopted the "Stars and Stripes" as the official flag of the United States.

Ever since that day, this flag has flown over our country. It is our national symbol, but it stands for so much more. The Flag is seen at home and around the world as a symbol of freedom. But it represents more than just freedom, it symbolizes liberty, justice, and human rights.

Our flag serves as a symbol for every American. It does not represent any specific category or group of people. This flag represents each and every citizen in the United States, and it serves as a beacon of hope to people around the world.

The American flag signifies everything that we hold dear to our hearts. It is not just a piece of cloth, Today, we should take time to reflect on our freedoms and the principles that our nation was founded on. For this flag represents all of the values that the Founding Fathers of our country envisioned. They brought forth not only a constitution and government of the people, by the people, and for the people, but also a Bill of Rights. They saw a nation where the rights of all the people were protected, where life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were shining stars to guide us.

America is seen around the world as a land of opportunity. This land of opportunity exists because of our commitment to freedom. Without the freedoms that we all enjoy, there would be no land of opportunity.

Today, as we honor the flag as our national symbol, we are also paying honors to all of the ideals and principles that this nation was founded on. We are paying honor and respect to the very foundations of our way of

life. Without our freedoms and our respect for liberty, our country would not be what it is today. This flag represents all of these concepts.

As we take time to honor the flag today, we are also forced to think about our choices in the future. We are faced with the challenge of continuing to serve and protect our nation. We are confronted with the need to continue to strive for the ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are faced with the need to respect all people, no matter what race, religion, origin, or any other attributes. We must continue to push for equal justice, equal dignity, and the rights of all of us.

Our nation was founded on the principles that there would be differences between individuals. Those principles were put forth in the first Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, where it was explicitly stated that all citizens had the right to choose their religion, that all citizens had the right to express their ideas in freedom of speech, and it guaranteed all of us the right to protest. Those freedoms are not an abstract concept. Our flag stands for all of these ideals.

In honoring our flag today, we can look back at what it has stood for since 1777. But we must also look forward into the future. We should take time to think about how we can ensure that the ideals and freedoms that the flag represents continue to protect all of our country.

Our flag is not just a symbol representing the United States of America, it is a living symbol representing all that we stand for and believe in. Our flag flies for the eternal principles of liberty, justice, and humanity. Our flag embodies the concepts of freedom of speech, religion, assembly, the press, and the sanctity of the home.

It is the responsibility of all of us to ensure that our flag continues to fly and show to the world what we truly are as a nation. If we do not guard our flag or adhere to our fundamental principles, then the freedoms that we enjoy may perish.

Remember the words as we perform the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Thank you, and God Bless the United States of America