NATURE CREATED A FLOWER WITH PETALS OF BRILLIANT RED

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT SUCH A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER

WOULD BE USED TO REMEMBER THE DEAD?

FOR WHEN ALL THE GUNS HAVE STOPPED FIRING

AND THERE’S ONLY THE MUD AND THE RAIN

GOD SENDS DOWN HIS LITTLE RED FLOWERS

TO COVER THE LADS WHO REMAIN.

SO REMEMBER EVERY NOVEMBER

WHEN WE HOLD OUR REMEMBRANCE DAY

OF THE LADS WHO LIE NEATH THE POPPIES

AND THE PRICE THEY HAD TO PAY.

AND ON THIS HISTORIC REMEMBRANCE DAY AND CAUSE OF THE PRICE THEY HAD TO PAY, WE OPEN OUR DOORS, WE OPEN OUR HEARTS, WE OUTSTRETCH OUR HANDS, AND WE NEVER CEASE TO PRAY.

AND FINALLY, ADVERTENT TO THE LOCAL GRIM, ACROMONIOUS, AND CONSEQUENTIAL ACTIONS OF A FEW,NOW OVER A CENTURY AGO,WOULD LAUNCH OUR OWN REMARKABLE WELLSPRING, AND IN DOING SO, WRITE OUR OWN NEW HISTORICAL PAGES, THUS PROVIDING A HALLMARK OF INCLUSION UNTO ALL OUR FALLEN THAT SHOULD MERIT SUCH A DIGNFIED DEGREE OF HONOR HERE.

AND SINCE KNOWING THAT WE WHO BEAR WITNESS HERE TODAY SHALL ALSO PASS UNTO THE BEYOND, LET IT BE KNOWN THE MANTLE OF PERSERVING THE LEGACIES WE NOW CHERISH HERE, MUST ALWAYS BE A CONSTANT SOLEMN PLEDGE UNTO POSTERITY.

 AS THEY HAVE LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK UPON OUR NATION, WE COME WITH COMPASSION AND GRATITUDE TO DEVOTE A PORTION OF THIS HISTORIC SQUARE AT PEARL AND WASHINGTON AND WHEREBY AS HISTORIAN ON THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA COMMITTEE, WITH LOVE AS THE THREAD WE ALL SHARE, DOES NOW DULY DEDICATE AND COMMEMORATE OUR NEW VETERANS MEMORIAL AND NEW VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA UNTO ALL WITH DEVOUT PATRONAGE AND PURPOSE AND DOES FORTHWITH DECREE “THIS PLAZA HONORS IN GRATITUDE ALL WHO SERVE AND BESTOWS SACRED REMEMBRANCE UNTO THOSE OFFERING THEIR LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION.” FURTHERMORE, MAY THIS SACRED ENCLOSURE ALWAYS ENRICH,SERVING AS AN ANCHOR POINT FOR INSPIRATIONAL LOVE AND MEDITATION, A HAVEN FOR RESPECT AND DIGNITY, AND A SHINING GUIDING LIGHT OF INMEASURABLE BRILLIANCE.

 DEEPER, THIS MEMORIAL MONUMENT WILL ALWAYS REVEAL OUR PERPETUAL ANTITHESIS OF INTERCONNECTION; INSUFFICIENT TO EVER CIRCUMVENT, RIGHT HERE WHERE TIMELESS DARK DAYS OVERLADEN WITH MOURNFULNESS AND LOSS, WILL ALWAYS CONVERGE WITH SUCH A TIMELESS MEMORIAL MONUMENT OF MAJESTIC HONOR!

THE HONORABLE TOLLER OF ENSHRINEMENT SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JAMES JENKINS JR UNITED STATES ARMY RETIRED—POST!

HERE AND NOW ORDER OF MARCH- VETERANS MEMORIAL/VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA KNOX, INDIANA ENSHRINEMENT AND COMMEMORATION OF THE FALLEN-

TO WIT: STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA CASUALTIES OF WAR.

REMEMBER THE CIVIL WAR AND HONOR THE FALLEN:

SILAS J. BASCOM

EDWARD CASE

ASA E. DAGGY

IRA W. DAY

JOEL DUNKELBERGER

OAKLEY ESKRIDGE

ABRAM FINNEY

JOHN GARVER

JOHN W. GRAVES

WILLIAM T. GRAVES

HARVEY C. GREEN

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WILLIAM R. MCCORMICK

JOHN W. MCCUNE

CALVIN MILLER

ASA MOSHER

EDWARD S. ROCKWELL

WALLACE H. ROCKWELL

GEORGE J. ROWELL

ROBERT E. SHORT

TIPTON SHORT

JAMES SIMMONS

JACOB SNYDER

HENRY C. TURNBULL

REMEMBER WORLD WAR ONE AND HONOR THE FALLEN:

CHARLES EMIGH

CLIFFORD FRANK GARBISON

JOHN EARL GOOD

HARRY LOUIS KELLER

JOSEPH HOLGATE REGNOLD

COLUMBUS HIRAM SHILLING

WALTER JEROME WALLACE

ALBERT W. WILLIAMS

REMEMBER WORLD WAR TWO AND HONOR THE FALLEN:

THEODORE JOHN ANDREWS

DONALD EUGENE CHILDS

LACY COLLINSWORTH

HARRY ELMER ELEY

DELBERT RAY FEAR

MORRIS MANUEL FLETCHER

JAMES DWYGHT GILES

JOHN EDWIN GOOD

JACOB FREDRICK HANSELMAN

CYRILL HODONSKY, JR

ALVIN AUGUST IWANSKI

JOHN ROBERT JACKSON

JOHN BERNARD KOEHLER

FLORIAN EUGENE LARAMORE, JR

ELMER RAY LEWIS

EARL RUSSELL MCCAY

ALTUS FREEMAN MCREYNOLDS

KENNETH WALLACE NELSON

LESTER EARL OKELEY

HOWARD PEELE OSTRANDER

WALTER JOHN PAULSEN

ROY FRANKLIN RALSTON

HAROLD FRANK REED

JOHN THEODORE REMIJAN

RICHARD GENE RICHARDS

ORVILLE JAMES RISNER

JOHN WESLEY SHEI

HOWARD BRUCE SMITH

STEPHEN WILLIAM SMITH

BILLIE STEPP, JR

PHILIP ERNEST TASCH

LYLE CECIL WEIDNER

WILBUR FREDERICK WHITE

HARMON CALVIN WILCOX

DONALD JUNIOR WRIGHT

ROMAN DOUGLAS WYDRA

MERL ELVIN YATES

ELMER ERNEST ZACKER

REMEMBER KOREA AND HONOR THE FALLEN:

BEN RAY BOWEN

ROBERT RICHARD HICKMAN

HENRY KOZUBIK

ARNOLD EDWARD STEPHENS

JAMES EDWARD TIETZ

ROBERT JAMES TOLLAR

ROBERT TRUMBALL, JR

REMEMBER VIETNAM AND HONOR THE FALLEN:

ROGER AARON ALLEN

BARRY WAYNE BICKEL

DONALD RAY COLDEBERG

LAMOINE EUGENE GROW

ROBERT LOYD HANSELMAN

SAMUEL EUGENE HEWITT

GEORGE ANDREWS HOWES

CLYDE MINIX

WILLIAM CHARLES PRCHLIK

ROBERT ROGERS ROUSH

KENNETH LEROY SCOTT

RONALD STEVE SHEPHERD

REMEMBER IRAQ AND HONOR THE FALLEN:

NATHANIEL SKORUP BAUGHMAN

JOSEPH ANDREW FORD

MICHAEL JOSEPH WIESEMANN

REMEMBER AFGHANISTAN AND HONOR THE FALLEN:

ROBERT JOSEPH TAUTERIS, JR

OUR PRECIOUS LOVING MERCIFUL LORD, WE ASK YOU TO CLEANSE OUR HEARTS AS WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR OMNIPOTENT POWER AND PRESENCE DURING OUR SOLEMN CEREMONIES HERE TODAY AND FOR THE GRATEFULNESS OF YOUR UNSEEN HAND OF SUPERINTENDENCY DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS HONORABLE NOTEWORTHY PROJECT AND CAUSE. WE REMEMBER OUR VETERANS, VETERANS FAMILIES, AND GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS TODAY. HEAVENLY FATHER, WE HUMBLY ASK FOR YOUR BLESSINGS AND COMFORT AND THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO RESTORE AND STRENGTHEN DURING THEIR HOUR OF NEED. LORD, WE ASK YOU TO WATCHOVER OUR BELOVED PLAZA, KEEPING IT SAFE BY NIGHT AND BY DAY, AS WE REALIZE THAT IT IS ONLY THROUGH YOU THAT WE LIVE, AND MOVE, AND HAVE OUR BEING. WE HUMBLY ASK YOU TO TAKE OUR HEARTS FOR OUR PRAYERS AND MAY WE ALL DRAW NIGH UNTO YOU. IN JESUS NAME AMEN.

“TENDERLY, MAY TIME HEAL YOUR SORROW,

GENTLY, MAY FRIENDS EASE YOUR PAIN,

SOFTLY, MAY PEACE REPLACE YOUR HEARTACHES

AND MAY THE WARMEST MEMORIES REMAIN

AND MAY THE WARMEST MEMORIES REMAIN.”

GOD BLESS THE MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN

GOD BLESS THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF OUR FALLEN

GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JEFF V. BERG

U.S. MARINE CORPS VETERAN

MASTER SERGEANT- U.S. ARMY RETIRED

HISTORIAN-VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA

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