

**Statement by U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin
Commemorating Veterans' Day
Tuesday, November 11, 2008**

On this 11th day of the 11th month, we unite as a nation to honor the brave men and women who have served in our nation's military. For generations, their valor, honor and sacrifice have served as the foundation of America's hope, opportunity and leadership throughout the free world.

To our veterans and their families, I thank you for your dedication to service and country, as well as your strength of character and courage. As a nation, we owe you an eternal debt of gratitude and appreciation for your innumerable sacrifices on our behalf.

Also on this day, our thoughts and prayers are with those who currently wear a uniform in service to our country, especially those in harm's way in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the world. You are our sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, role models and heroes. We are proud of you and wish you a safe and speedy return home.