Mr. President. I rise today to wish the US Army a happy birthday. It was 232 years ago today, June 14, 1775, that the Continental Army of the United States was formed.

Over the past 232 years, millions of men and women have served in the oldest branch of our armed forces. Their honor, courage, sacrifice and service are the
foundation of America’s greatness. The Army principles of “Duty, Honor, Country” represent the core values of America. Every generation of Americans who have served in the United States Army – from the Continental Army to our fighting men and women serving today in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere – have been shaped by these principles. They inspire us and will continue to serve as role models for future generations.

The Army has steadfastly protected our way of life and has never turned from a challenge. As the Army Song so eloquently says

“First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation’s might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along,
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle’s won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.”

Today’s Soldiers are the newest generation in a long line of dedicated professionals who have put service to the nation over self. These soldiers, just as those who have gone before them, will continue to protect our democracy and make the world more secure, peaceful, and prosperous.

On this 232nd birthday of the United States Army, we recognize and thank all
those who have served or are serving our country with pride and honor in the uniform of the United States Army. Especially those serving today in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Happy Birthday" to the United States Army.

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