



## **GOVERNOR BREWER'S REMARKS D.P.S. MEMORIAL May 2009**

Good Morning, it is such a privilege to be here today with you to honor and recognize these heroes who have answered their final roll call.

This Memorial represents twenty-seven Arizona Officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. These brave officers served our communities with great honor and their memory continues to inspire us to accomplish great things.

This year we honor Bruce W. Harrolle. Bruce was born on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1972 in Tucson, Arizona. I have learned that even in his youth, if you asked Bruce what he wanted to be when he grew up he would respond that he wanted to help people, and he did.

Bruce became an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer, Air Rescue Paramedic. He served Arizona well and completed hundreds of search and rescue missions. During his career Bruce received the Distinguished Service Award and also received numerous letters of commendation.

While serving on his last heroic mission, Bruce was performing a rescue of two stranded hikers near Sedona when he was struck and killed by the helicopter's rotor blades. Bruce died that day so that others could live. He truly was a hero.

I would like to personally thank his brave wife Angela and his two young children, Addison (Daughter) and Justice (Son) for their strength and courage. You can be sure that Bruce served Arizona with dignity and compassion, and his life inspired those he served.

In his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, John F. Kennedy said this about profiles in courage: and I quote....

*"Without belittling the courage with which men have died, we should not forget those acts of courage with which men have lived."*

All 27 of these officers lived as heroes. Every day that they went to work, every time they put on their uniforms and strapped on their equipment, every act of courage they performed in the line of duty, made them the heroes that they are.

Their families too are heroes. It took courage every time they kissed their officer goodbye, to allow them to go and protect and serve us. This is a courage that continues on in their memory.

On behalf of the people of Arizona, I say thank you. Thank you for ignoring the dangers. Thank you for doing your duty, and thank you for sending your loved ones to protect us from harm.

All of you have our gratitude and admiration.

I would like to also personally thank each of those officers here with us today for all you do. To you dedicated men and women whose courage and bravery truly make Arizona a better, safer place, we salute you.

May God protect you, and keep you safe. May you continue to live and serve and protect as the heroes you are.

Again, God Bless.

Thank you.