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Also a special thanks to all Garden Club Members, U.S. Armed Forces Members and Families and the Community for your attendance today.

Following the Dedication Everyone is invited to a reception in the Government Center

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DEDICATION





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### **BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER**



DEDICATION CEREMONY ROSA PARK SQUARE Macon, Georgia September 17, 2016

#### WELCOME

Jan Thiese Blue Star Memorial Marker Chairman The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Martha Price ~ President The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

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> PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Susi Keller Blue Star Memorial Marker Co-Chairman The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

> > NATIONAL ANTHEM Central High School Glee Club Isaac Gibson ~ Director

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS Janice Thiese

### SPEAKERS

Patti Smith National Gold Star Families President

Andrea Little National Garden Club's Blue Star Memorial Marker Chairman

> Gordon Davis Brother of USMC Sgt. Rodney Davis Medal of Honor Recipient

"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" Central High School Glee Club

**DEDICATION OF MARKERS** Jan Thiese

ACCEPTANCE OF MARKERS Mallory Jones Macon ~ Bibb County Commissioner

**UNVEILING OF MARKERS** *Patti Smith, Andrea Little and Gordon Davis* 

**TRIBUTE OF FLOWERS** Gena and Bob Courtney Proud Parents of USMC Sgt. Kelley Lance Courtney (KIA) And USMC SSgt. Donovan Eugene Courtney

> "GOD BLESS AMERICA" Central High School Glee Club

CLOSING REMARKS Jan Thiese

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