

In considering the war between the states, let no one forget that the South began the war with its attack on Fort Sumter. And this attack was made when the United States had assembled no troops, had made no call for volunteers, had attacked no Southern locality, had freed no slaves, and was doing everything humanly possible to secure peace and to preserve the Union of the States.

Teachers of history owe it to their country to teach these facts truthfully and to make every American citizen aware of the greatness of his country, due to the success of loyal arms.

So we are here today to pay tribute to the men and women of the fifties, who came to Kansas ninety years ago, and left their mark on the history of the world. They suffered much, but their victory was worth the cost. We glory in their achievement and we honor their memory.

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