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Although there has been a spike in the amount and impact of negative influences on the lives of school, college, and university students, it is refreshing to know there are still many great teachers out there who do care about their students and their positive development.

One such inspiring teacher is Ms. Amy Konigsberger, a second grade teacher at Washington Elementary School in Canton, Ohio. She guided her students in collectively writing the following poem to honor heroes nationwide: (It is truly remarkable!)

H is for ... your helping hands and huge hearts, the hours of hard work, the headaches, the heartaches, the heroic

Second grade class poem honors heroes

acts you do, and the honor you bring to our country.

E is for ... your effort and unending supply of energy, the excellence in the example that you set, the eyes that look up to you and look to you for help, and for the encouragement you give to everyone every day.

R is for ... the real-life role models that you are, your quick response for help and rescue, for reassuring, recovering, and returning without the promise of a personal reward.

O is for ... all you do for others, overcoming fears, your occupation of helping and saving, your obvious dedication and bravery, and your outstanding commitment to bettering our world.

E is for ... each time you endanger

your life to help, exceeding expectations and going the extra mile, for the hardships you endure in your experience, and the education and enrichment you provide.

S is for ... the service and the standards you set for society, the many selfless acts, the sacrifice, the lives you save, the sadness you see, and all of the small things that seem to go unnoticed.

This Memorial Day please remember and be thankful for the men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice so we all can enjoy our American way of life. May God always bless them and their families and may we be fortunate to have many more young Americans willing to make the same sacrifices today and in the future.

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