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FREEDOM
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GIVE ME FREEDOM OR GIVE ME DEATH!

Patrick Henry, the great revolutionary statesman and orator, echoed those famous words.

They mean that all free men should do anything to protect and preserve freedom, even up to anything which includes death. That is, be willing to run the risk of death in order to protect freedom. Most Americans don't think that way, today.

That seems to have been an old, revolutionary philosophy, watered down by time, opulence, indifference and egoism. Today it is much more all about me and my freedom and not freedom in that pure principled, philosophic way at the time of the birth of our country.

We are pledged as Americans to protect life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Life. Life for all men and women here and abroad. Life of the unborn (no abortion). Life for the aged, elderly, handicapped and physically challenged (no euthanasia). We are pledged to defend our lives against terrorism for the terrorists of jihad would take life from us.

Liberty. Free men and women, politically and socially, economically and culturally, free to live life in the best way possible, as we chose and not in a way chosen for us. That right to liberty is the right to life and lifestyle, spiritually and secularly. It is worth fighting to the death to preserve that.

Happiness. Not happiness as such, but the pursuit of happiness. Not even our glorious Constitution can guarantee happiness. But it can guarantee that you and I as citizens can do whatever we think is legally right to be happy as we define it, and not someone else. If your not happy, pursue something which will make you happy, something different and better. Don't ask the government to help you or pay for it, do it yourself. Pursue your own happiness as you would your own life, and your own liberty.

What an honor to be an American citizen July 4th and every other day. We ought not need to set aside a day, a mere day to celebrate freedom. As with all things that matter in life, every day should be FREEDOM DAY. Every day, we should celebrate the fact that we are Americans, free, citizens who enjoy life, liberty and the opportunity to pursue happiness moreso than any other nation in the world! We should acknowledge that verbally among our fellow citizens and prayerful to our God. There is nothing like life, with liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Nothing. Our forefathers knew that and

could only hope those many years ago that we would know the very same thing and live our lives accordingly. I pray you do. I am grateful in thought and prayer every day of my life for being an American. There is nothing in this world better than being a Free American.

May God drive that blessing home to you July 4th and every day, and May God Bless America!