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Message on the 83d Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea

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Today I extend my heartfelt greetings to the people of Australia as we commemorate the 83d anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea, a pivotal moment in the fight against tyranny and a defining chapter in the enduring alliance between our two nations.

At the height of World War II, American and Australian forces fought for 4 grueling days against enemy naval and air forces at the Coral Sea. Through their heroic bravery, their unwavering resolve, and the grace of Almighty God, our Allied forces halted at great cost a major enemy advancement for the first time in the Pacific Theatre and sank an enemy aircraft carrier for the first time, marking a significant turning point in the war and paving the way for the enemy's eventual defeat.

As we commemorate this historic battle, we also remember the 656 Allied servicemembers who gave their lives for our liberty. The courage of those fallen heroes not only changed the course of the war but also forged a glorious bond between the United States and Australia that endures to this day, a friendship that remains foundational to Indo-Pacific security and prosperity.

Today we honor the fearless determination of those who fought at the Coral Sea, and we solemnly remember those who laid down their lives to secure the future of freedom. Their sacrifice will forever be etched in our hearts, and our nations remain eternally grateful.

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