



# A SALUTE TO JOURNALISTS

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## *Thank You Newspaper Patriots*

Journalists, you work long and hard because you are ***passionate*** about what you do. Your work is not glamorous nor lucrative, but ***it is vital***. You question authority, expose wrong-doings, fight injustice and ***report real news***. You cover the local topics that ***matter most*** to us – ***our*** community, ***our*** people, ***our*** businesses, and ***our*** happenings.

Although we may not always like what you've written,  
***we respect what you do.***

Although we have our own opinions,  
***we are grateful that you provide us with the facts to form them.***

Although we may have differing views about what is news,  
***we believe that you publish the truth.***

We humbly ask that you:

***Continue to provide the knowledge and information*** necessary for considerate and thoughtful conversations.

***Keep rising above*** the harmful divisive and polarizing anti-media rhetoric.

***Remain a stalwart defender and protector*** of our First Amendment rights.

We commend you, our newspaper superheroes, for all that you do. It is our hope that together, we can create a culture of civility and spirited dialogue - in which each person's voice is heard and regarded equally.

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