

My Fellow Countrymen!

We restored Estonia's freedom thanks to our unwavering faith in our country and our strength in resisting attempts to push the Republic of Estonia into oblivion.

We are proud of the many people who fought against the communist Soviet Union and the Nazi occupation in Estonia even when the situation seemed totally hopeless.

This is how the members of the National Committee of the Republic of Estonia and the members of Otto Tief Government did it. And there were many other people who carried the dream and hope of Estonia's freedom through the occupations, often risking their lives and futures.

Their efforts showed that fighting for your country is never in vain.

Our gratitude and respect is extended to all of those who stood for an independent and democratic Estonia and against the forces of evil during the times of occupation.