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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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On June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress adopted the military units of New England as the official national Army. With this act, the Continental Army was created and the Nation's military service was born.

The Army can look with pride on its distinguished contribution to our national security and defense in these past two hundred years. In peace and war, the Army's achievements are a credit to the millions of dedicated American citizens who answered the call to arms to protect the freedom we cherish. The patriotic and loyal service of these brave men and women has added a gallant chapter to the annals of the American experience.

Their valiant sacrifices and unflinching devotion to the basic principles of our Founding Fathers have made the members of the United States Army a vital vanguard of our freedom.

I know that I am joined by my fellow citizens in paying tribute to the United States Army on its two hundredth birthday.

*Gerald R. Ford*

