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I warmly commend all who participate in plans for the celebration of our National Bicentennial. Your efforts are symbolic of your deep sense of patriotism and civic pride. They also reflect the vitality and spirit of America.

I wholeheartedly welcome your commitment to help make our Nation's two hundredth birthday a fitting and memorable occasion for all of us.

Gerald R. Ford

