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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1976

On the sixty-sixth anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, I am proud to commend each of you and your dedicated leaders on your valuable service to our country.

My own lifelong involvement in the Scouting movement convinces me that it is one of the strongest forces in building character, developing self-reliance and forming ties of friendship that enrich the lives of all who participate in it.

As we celebrate our nation's two hundredth birthday, we can look with the greatest satisfaction to the positive influence of Scouting on our national vitality and well-being. It is to the credit of many fine religious, educational and community organizations and dedicated volunteers that we have a Scouting program that has become such an important source of national strength and such a useful stepping stone for countless youngsters on the road to responsible adulthood and greater personal self-fulfillment.

I know that I am joined by all my fellow citizens in a special Bicentennial salute to the Boy Scouts of America for the pride and confidence they bring to their families, their communities and our country.

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