

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

REMARKS OF MRS. FORD
1975 FAMILY OF MAN ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER
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Mr. Granville, this is a special moment in my life. I gratefully accept the Family of Man Medallion for 1975 on behalf of my husband. This award, and the very kind words you have just spoken, touch me deeply. You have shown real understanding of my husband's true nature--as the President of the United States and as a warm and loving human being.

This award to the President from the people of New York City has a personal meaning for me. I have long had a deep attachment for the creativity and culture and all the wonderful qualities of New Yorkers. Throughout my life, I have felt a sense of renewal and excitement every time I visited your city and came in contact with the unique spirit that is New York.

I deeply regret the problems that now confront the people of New York. When we think of a city we sometimes forget about its people as individuals--about the men, women, and children--who make up America's greatest city.

When I think of New York, I think of the inspiring people I have met on many visits, of the beauty of the city, of its human qualities as a community that faced and overcame many challenges in the past.

I remember the many acts of loving kindness, and the many magic moments of happiness that I experienced in New York. And, most of all, I will remember the love that you have demonstrated tonight and your own remarks, Mr. Granville.

In the words of the Holy Bible, "A word spoken in due season, how good it is! (Proverbs 15:23)

My husband sincerely regrets not being here tonight. He asked me to express his person appreciation.

I would now like to read a letter that the President wrote and asked me to bring to you:

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