The original documents are located in Box 3, folder "Parsons Award Presentation, New York City, March 29, 1976" of the Frances K. Pullen Papers at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

MRS FORD'S REMARKS
1976 PARSONS AWARD PRESENTATION
at the
CRITICS AWARD SHOW

Monday, March 29, 1976

New York Hilton Hotel

THE PARSONS SCHOOL OF DESIGN

IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT CREATIVE FORCE

IN AMERICAN FASHION AND THE ARTS,

AND I AM VERY FLATTERED

BY THIS HONOR.

THE MARVELOUS DISPLAY

OF TALENT AND INNOVATION TONIGHT

SHOWS WHY PARSONS DESERVES

ITS "TOP OF THE LINE" REPUTATION.

BEING HERE TONIGHT

BRINGS BACK MANY EXCITING MEMORIES----

MEMORIES OF BUYING TRIPS TO NEW YORK

AS A FASHION CO-ORDINATOR

FOR A GRAND RAPIDS DEPARTMENT STORE *and especially*

~~AND~~ OF THOSE ~~DAYS~~ *FAR TOO FEW* YEARS

WHEN I LIVED IN THIS FABULOUS CITY.

AS A ~~PROFESSIONAL~~ BUYER *coordinator of Fashion*

AND NOW AS A CONSUMER,

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC

ABOUT AMERICAN CLOTHES.

AMERICAN CLOTHES ARE FANTASTIC---

VERSATILE, PRACTICAL, AND EXPRESSIVE.

Today

WHEREVER I GO,

I SEE THE BEST FASHION SHOW OF ALL---

PEOPLE WEARING AND ENJOYING

AMERICAN CLOTHES.

THAT'S WHY I AM DELIGHTED YOU THINK

I HAVE ᴧin some small wAy HELPED YOUR INDUSTRY----

WHICH DOES ITS JOB SO WELL,

WITH MUCH IMAGINATION,

AND ARTISTRY. My compliments to you the designers and craftsmens of today. I am honored to be with you Tonight. Thank you for this priviledge —