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MRS FORD'S REMARKS

GLADYS CITY

April 21, 1976

WHAT AN HONOR IT IS

TO BECOME A CITIZEN OF BEAUMONT---

A CITY WITH PEOPLE

OF SUCH GREAT IMAGINATION AND PRIDE

IN THE PAST.

IT SEEMS SO MUCH

LIKE WHAT I'VE HEARD ABOUT TEXAS AND TEXANS---

THAT YOU BUILT A WHOLE TOWN

TO CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL.

WHAT A TOWN!

AND WHAT A BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO THE NATION!

EVERYONE---YOUNG AND OLD---

WILL BE ENTRANCED BY GLADYS CITY.

BECAUSE IT REALLY IS FUN

TO RELIVE SUCH AN EXCITING TIME.

AMERICA LOVES THE WEST---

MEMORIES OF THE COWBOY AND THE "BOOM TOWN"

ARE FAVORITES IN OUR FOLKLORE

AND MANY OF OUR WORKS OF ART.

BUT GLADYS CITY IS MORE THAN A PLACE

TO LET THE IMAGINATION WANDER.

AS I WALKED DOWN THESE STREETS,

I THOUGHT ABOUT THE CONTRAST

BETWEEN LIFE AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

AND TODAY.

TREMENDOUS PROGRESS,
We've made such tremendous progress
AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OIL INDUSTRY

HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE

IN THIS PROGRESS.

GLADYS CITY BRINGS TO LIFE

A TIME OF GREAT ADVENTURE

AND REMINDS US

TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES OF OUR DAY.

ON BEHALF OF THE NATION

THANK YOU FOR A VERY EXCITING BIRTHDAY PRESENT.

I'LL ALWAYS BE PROUD

TO BE A CITIZEN OF BEAUMONT---

A "BOOM TOWN" GROWN INTO A DYNAMIC CITY.

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