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During our Bicentennial year, it is especially appropriate that we rejoice in the creative spirit of our people -- a spirit that has found full expression in imaginative hobby activities. The craftsmen and women of Colonial times would be proud to know that countless Twentieth Century Americans are following the tradition to which they brought such dignity and honor.

It is a tribute to the towering figures of the Revolutionary Era -- men such as Washington, Jefferson and Franklin -- that they found so much time outside their demanding professional careers to devote to hobbies and personal interests. It has been our good fortune that their genius in devising our system of government also guided them in so many useful and aesthetic inventions, crafts and hobbies.

In our own industrialized society, hobbies provide a greatly needed stimulus and outlet for the inventiveness and artistic talents of our people. During this October observance, all Americans can be heartened by the vitality our nation derives from the wealth of hobbies pursued by citizens of all ages and every walk of life.

Gerald R. Ford

