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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Secretaries Week, 1976

My many years in public life have taught me that there is one service that can never be over-estimated -- and that is the work of the secretary. The dedication to duty, painstaking accuracy and professional skills of America's secretaries are more often than not the behind-the-scenes qualities that ensure success both for business and government.

It is most appropriate therefore that we set aside a special week to honor those who have chosen this much-needed and appreciated career and to commend the devotion, loyalty and high standards they apply to their daily work.

I know that I am joined by grateful citizens across our country in saying thank you to America's secretaries for their vital role in our national life.

Gerald R. Ford