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Remarks -- San Jacinto Day Ceremonies, April 21, 1976

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Independence really is a description of a way of life. And Texas is a state whose people live independence by doing, achieving and building for the future.

I salute you as heirs of a fighting faith in freedom, born here at San Jacinto, nurtured by those who served on this proud battleship, and alive in the hearts and lives of all Americans.

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