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REMARKS OF BETTY FORD  
LADIES HOME JOURNAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR

April 8, 1976

VALERIE, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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I CERTAINLY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER

WHERE I WAS ON APRIL 8, 1976.

I'M SO VERY EXCITED.

AND TONIGHT WILL BE

ONE OF MY MOST CHERISHED MEMORIES.

I COULDN'T ASK

FOR A NICER BIRTHDAY PRESENT.

THE THOUGHT

THAT I MAY HAVE INSPIRED OTHERS---

INSPIRES ME.

I JUST HOPE

I CAN LIVE UP TO EVERYTHING

THIS AWARD REPRESENTS.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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First Lady Betty Ford is being honored in the 1976 Ladies Home Journal Women of the Year presentation Thursday, April 8 in the category of "inspirational leadership. The award will be presented to her on the NBC Live Special, "Women of the Year - 1976" from 9:30 to 11:00 P.M. EST at the Ed Sullivan Theatre. She will be one of 10 women honored in a variety of categories. Other honorees will be announced during this special.

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