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## THIRTY SECOND BICENTENNIAL

## MESSAGE

# WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1975

AS WE CELEBRATE OUR BICENTENNIAL, WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES STILL ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY AS WE SEEK A MORE PERFECT UNION FOR OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY.

### OUR FIRST CENTURY SAW THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF A FREE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT; THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONG AND FREE ECONOMIC SYSTEM MARKED OUR SECOND CENTURY. THE CHALLENGE OF OUR THIRD CENTURY -- TO

ADVANCE EACH CITIZEN'S PERSONAL FREEDOM TO FULFILL HIS OR HER POTENTIAL IN LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS -- IS A FITTING CHALLENGE FOR AMERICA IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR.

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# SIXTY SECOND BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE

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AS WE CELEBRATE OUR BICENTENNIAL, WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES STILL ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY AS WE SEEK A MORE PERFECT UNION FOR OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY. THE GREAT GOALS OF AMERICA ARE NEVER FULLY GAINED. THE DESTINY OF AMERICA DEMANDS THE BEST OF EACH SUCCEEDING GENERATION, AS IT DOES OF US TODAY.

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OUR NATION'S FIRST CENTURY SAW THE FIRM ESTABLISHMENT

OF A FREE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT ON THIS CONTINENT.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONG AND FREE ECONOMIC SYSTEM MARKED OUR SECOND CENTURY, TRANSFORMING AN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY INTO THE MIGHTIEST AND MOST PRODUCTIVE NATION IN HUMAN HISTORY. THE GREAT CHALLENGE OF OUR THIRD CENTURY IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF EACH CITIZEN'S PERSONAL FREEDOM TO FULFILL HIS OR HER POTENTIAL IN LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

THIS IS THE GREAT GOAL WHICH I COMMEND TO MY COUNTRYMEN FOR THE THIRD CENTURY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

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