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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . . .

TAPED MESSAGE FOR DEDICATION OF  
HOUSTON SPORTS ARENA TO AID  
HEART DISEASE RESEARCH

I SALUTE EACH OF YOU AT THE DEDICATION OF THE  
NEW SPORTS ARENA IN THE GREENWAY PLAZA. YOU ARE NOT  
ONLY WELCOMING A GREAT NEW ADDITION TO THE HOUSTON  
SPORTS SCENE, BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, YOU ARE BENEFITING  
A MOST WORTHWHILE PUBLIC CAUSE.

I CONSIDER IT MOST GRATIFYING THAT THIS EVENT  
IS HELD IN TRIBUTE TO THE TEXAS HEART INSTITUTE AND  
THE BAYLOR MEDICAL COLLEGE / METHODIST HOSPITAL.  
BOTH ARE OUTSTANDING INSTITUTIONS WITH A NATIONAL  
REPUTATION. THEY DESERVE THE BEST IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

HEART AND BLOOD VESSEL DISEASE IS THE NUMBER-ONE  
KILLER IN OUR SOCIETY. THESE INSTITUTIONS ARE CONTINUING  
OUR NATIONAL FIGHT AGAINST THIS PRIMARY THREAT TO THE LIVES  
OF OUR CITIZENS. I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPLAUD  
THE PEOPLE OF HOUSTON FOR LEADING THE WAY IN THIS MAJOR  
CAMPAIGN. I SEND MY VERY BEST WISHES TO ALL WHO  
PARTICIPATE IN THIS 'HEART TO HEART' GRAND OPENING  
OF THE SUMMIT.

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