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Accept to in st. honor

This check is given  
in honor of

Pres. & Mrs. Ford

by the Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
Kiwanis Wheel Chair Club

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Pres.'s comm. on retardation  
| gave dept. a lot of visibility  
past 2 yrs.

I'll have more time to do it.

You are committed totally - opened  
house to retarded as well as heart  
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Dancing with the Pros

Bally

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