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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
UPON SIGNING A PROCLAMATION
ON
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, 1974

THE PRESIDENT: Let me say it has been my observation that women over the years in politics, as well as otherwise, have to do things twice as well as men in order to get half as much credit, and I think that we have got to change that.

I think the efforts that are being made in many fields -- and this afternoon I am going to be signing the Community Better Cities Act, or whatever the title is, and it is my understanding in that bill the Congress has included a provision that there can be no discrimination against women in the field of mortgage financing.

So, you are making headway every day, including today.

But I also am sure many of you know that I was somewhat helpful at the time the Equal Rights Amendment went through the House of Representatives -- where is Martha this morning?

A She is in Michigan.

THE PRESIDENT: We will save this for Martha.

I am delighted that our State has taken forthright action on it. What is it, six short now, or five?

A Five short.

THE PRESIDENT: So, good luck to you. Thank you all very, very much for coming down, and it is nice to see you.
