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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT THE
WACO SUSPENSION BRIDGE

4:45 P.M. CDT

Mayor Smith, Senator Tower, Mr. Conger, all you wonderful people of Waco:

Let me express my appreciation for the opportunity to be here on this very historic occasion and to see so many friendly and hospitable faces. It is just a great occasion, despite this Michigan weather, not Texas weather.

But, it is nice to be here, and I am very proud of the fact that you in this great community have taken this fantastic bridge that I read a bit about before I got here -- completed in 1870, a tremendous engineering project over 100 years ago -- and to see it as we drove up and to be here as we stand now, I think is a tribute to your forefathers, their vision, their foresight to have something like this over this great river, the Brazos River.

Now, let me say I want to compliment every one of you because by seeing the beauty of this bridge and preserving it for future generations, making it a part of this great complex you are developing out here -- Indian Center Park, is it -- I think this generation of leaders, this generation of citizens in Waco deserve also congratulations and commendation.

I thank you for the chance to be here. I thank you, Mr. Mayor and Mr. Conger. I am deeply grateful. Good luck and God bless every one of you.

Thank you very much.

END (AT 4:47 P.M. CDT)