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AT THE WINTER COMMENCEMENT
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

1:23 P.M. EST

Thank you, Dr. Fleming.

This is the second nicest title I have ever received. The first was Mrs. Gerald Ford.

With this wonderful new degree, I certainly hope I will be successful with the Equal Rights Amendment I have always championed.

The President and I also feel like graduates today. We, too, begin a new chapter in our lives, and we look forward to the future with great anticipation.

We believe "the very best is yet to be" for this country and for us. And we will continue working to achieve that hope for all of America.

Thank you very much.

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1:29 P.M. EST