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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE PHILADELPHIA CIVIC CENTER

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President Meyerson, distinguished parents, friends -- well, just nice people:

It is great to be here. I was thrilled by the opportunity to participate in this wonderful occasion to honor the graduates who have earned their degrees at the University of Pennsylvania.

I was saying to the President, it just makes one feel good to come to a great university campus and to see the enthusiasm, the good will, that is so healthy and fine for America as we face some of the problems between now and our next 100 years.

But the thing that is wonderful, as I look at it -- we have some difficulties, but the spirit of America is strong and healthy, it is visionary, it is generous, it is human, and this is the way it was 200 years ago and for our country's life for 200 years.

So, what they gave us we can build on, and that should be our mission for those yet unborn.

Thank you very, very much.

END (AT 4:17 P.M. EDT)