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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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Mrs. Betty Ford will be honored at a dinner hosted by the Philadelphia Association for Mental Retardation (PARC) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 12 at 7:15 p.m. The dinner will be held in the Ballroom of the Bellvue Stratford Hotel at Broad and Walnut Streets.

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PARC is a private non-profit organization governed by a volunteer board dedicated to obtaining "first-class citizenship for citizens who are retarded." Founded 25 years ago by the parents of eight retarded children, PARC now employs a large staff of specialists to provide services which include a work training center, community living arrangements, day care facilities, community referral service and "Hot Line," legal assistance and community awareness programs.

There will be approximately 750 guests attending the Silver Anniversary Dinner.

The program will include Rabbi Samuel H. Berkowitz, who will deliver the benediction. Federal Judge, Arlin M. Adams, who serves in the U. S. Court of Appeals and who has demonstrated concern throughout the years for retarded citizens, will be toastmaster. Natt S. Getlin, vice president of public affairs, Philadelphia Inquirer and the Philadelphia Daily News is honorary chairman of the dinner. Mike Douglas will entertain. In addition to the presentation to Mrs. Ford, PARC will honor five organizations closely aligned for many years in PARC endeavors, both in fund raising and in voluntary support and activities. They are: Ed Snider and the Philadelphia Flyers, the PARC-Aides, Barbaraessa Charity Foundation, UNICO and the Philadelphia Jaycees.

The menu includes:

Broiled Fruit with Rum  
Cobb Spinach Salad  
Prime Ribs  
Broccoli Polynaise  
Potato O'Brien  
Baked Alaska

The wine is:

Giacobazzi Lambrusco

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