

AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE DINNER

MRS. FORD'S REMARKS

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When I was a girl going to high school, I never dreamed of growing up and being married to a President. But my dream of a lifetime was going to Hollywood and gliding across a polished floor with Fred Astaire. So you see how fortunate I feel to be here tonight.

Because of the magic of the movies, I've danced and laughed and cried my way through several lifetimes. And it's a special treat to join this salute to William Wyler--one of the wizards of the business.

Like millions of people, the President and I love the movies. Movies light the candle of imagination--enrich our dreams--and expand our understanding.

May we always be a land that loves make-believe and storytellers--like the man we honor tonight.

Thank you.

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