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THE WHITE HOUSE

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
DURING 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON'S INAUGURATION

The State Floor

3:21 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Welcome. Well, what a wonderful reunion. And thanks, first, to the family, especially our esteemed friend, Lady Bird Johnson. As well as her daughters, Lynda and Luci. And the grandkids: Lynn, Nicole, Rebekah, Claudia, Catherine, and missing in action, Lucinda, who is doing her thesis -- finishing her thesis at Princeton University and, thus, cannot be with us on this special occasion; sends her mother and dad, Senator and Mrs. Robb. And, of course, our distinguished Senator, a member of the family, Chuck Robb. We're delighted he's here. Lloyd Bentsen, I'm told was to be here, but maybe he is not. And I don't see Pat Moynihan, but both of them are missing in action and both wanted to be here to pay their respects.

I'm speaking for the Vice President and Mrs. Quayle and Barbara Bush when I say how very pleased we are to have all of you here. I want to single out -- and I hope they're here -- our fellow Texans over here: the former Speaker, Jim Wright, and Jake Pickle, and Kiki de la Garza, and so many other distinguished friends of President Johnson, and so many members of his Cabinet. I know I'm going in trouble with this one, because we haven't got it totally complete. But I'll just stop and say welcome to the former members of the Johnson Cabinet, because there are so many. And I think it is fitting that all of you are here. I'll be in trouble if I keep singling out names. But a couple of more "thank yous" like this -- keep going on this and Valenti will think he's back at the Academy Awards. (Laughter.) And none of us can afford that.

Jack Valenti, our dear friend, he probably described Lyndon Baines Johnson about as well as anybody ever has. His book -- Jack's book was entitled, "A Very Human President," and that he surely was. "An awesome engine of a man," Jack called him, "terrorizing, tender, inexhaustibly energetic; loving of land, grass, and water. Engulfing, patient, impatient, caring, insightful, devoted to wife, family and friends; Compassionate. Courageous. And full of humor."

That about says it all, but I'll go on a little bit. LBJ's humor was matched perhaps only by his bigness of heart. At the Inaugural Ball at the Statler-Hilton, he looked at Hubert Humphrey -- whose sister is with us today, I'm pleased to say -- at that point, Hubert had been Vice President -- there she is -- had been Vice President for less than 12 hours. "There he is," LBJ exclaimed, "the greatest Vice President I've ever known." (Laughter.)

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And I think those who know Lyndon better than I would say that she was his anchor and his strength. And she never failed him. And she was always there. And as she has once again today, Lady Bird brought to the White House dignity, and warmth, and grace. And she was never on stage, never acting out some part, always the same genuine lady no matter what the setting. Her gift of language is a combination of both elegance and simplicity, a vivid imagery that charms our country to this very day.

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THE EAST ROOM, THE WHITE HOUSE
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Thank you. And may God bless the United States of America.

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changes + then do cards

Chriss has seen
+ approved.

Bob

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ALLY -- ESPECIALLY OUR
SON, AS WELL AS HER
GRANDKIDS, PATRICK,
IDA, CATHERINE, AND THE
YOUNGEST, JENNIFER. AND OF COURSE, SENATOR CHUCK ROBB.
HIS DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES: LLOYD BENTSEN AND PAT
MOYNIHAN.

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MY FELLOW TEXANS JAKE PICKLE, HENRY GONZALEZ, KIKA DE
LA GARZA. FORMER SPEAKER JIM WRIGHT. AND SO MANY
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INCLUDING: CLARK CLIFFORD, BOB MCNAMARA, ANTHONY
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JACK PROBABLY DESCRIBED LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON ABOUT AS WELL AS ANYBODY EVER HAS. JACK'S BOOK WAS ENTITLED, A VERY HUMAN PRESIDENT, AND THAT HE SURELY WAS. "AN AWESOME ENGINE OF A MAN," JACK CALLED HIM, "TERRORIZING, TENDER, INEXHAUSTIBLY ENERGETIC... LOVING OF LAND, GRASS, AND WATER. ENGULFING, PATIENT, IMPATIENT, CARING, INSIGHTFUL, DEVOTED TO WIFE, FAMILY AND FRIENDS... COMPASSIONATE. COURAGEOUS. FULL OF HUMOR."

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LYNDON JOHNSON LOVED AMERICA, LOVED HER LAND, LOVED HER PEOPLE. ONE OF MY OWN PERSONAL HEROES, DWIGHT EISENHOWER, SERVED AS PRESIDENT WHEN LBJ WAS MAJORITY LEADER IN THE SENATE. AND IKE OFTEN SAID THAT HE KNEW THAT WHENEVER THE GREAT ISSUES OF NATIONAL SECURITY WERE CONCERNED, LYNDON JOHNSON WOULD ALWAYS BE A PARTISAN OF PRINCIPLE -- NOT A PARTISAN OF PARTY.

HISTORIANS WILL CONTINUE TO ARGUE ABOUT LBJ'S LEGACY.

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SOME SAY THE GREATEST THING HE EVER DID WAS HEAL THE NATION AFTER OUR TRAGIC LOSS. OTHERS SAY IT WAS THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, OR THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT THE FOLLOWING YEAR. BUT WHATEVER THE GREATEST THING LBJ EVER DID -- SAM RAYBURN SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT ABOUT THE BEST THING LBJ EVER DID: MARRYING LADY BIRD JOHNSON. \\\

SHE WAS HIS ANCHOR AND HIS STRENGTH. SHE NEVER FAILED HIM. SHE WAS ALWAYS THERE.

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AND AS SHE HAS ONCE AGAIN TODAY, LADY BIRD BROUGHT TO THE WHITE HOUSE DIGNITY, WARMTH AND GRACE. SHE WAS NEVER ON STAGE, NEVER ACTING OUT A PART, ALWAYS THE SAME GENUINE LADY NO MATTER WHAT THE SETTING. HER GIFT OF LANGUAGE IS A COMBINATION OF BOTH ELEGANCE AND SIMPLICITY, A VIVID IMAGERY THAT CHARMS AMERICA TO THIS DAY.

MRS. JOHNSON, YOU, TOO, HAVE LEFT THIS NATION AN IMPORTANT LEGACY.

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THOSE WHO TRAVEL BY CAR ALONG THE BANKS OF THE POTOMAC, OR WHO WALK OR BICYCLE ALONG ITS PATHS, ARE EACH DAY STRUCK BY THE WONDER OF YOUR GIFT. FRIENDS BACK HOME TELL ME THAT THE WILDFLOWERS PLANTED ALONG TEXAS HIGHWAYS AT YOUR DIRECTION ARE THE PRETTIEST EVER THIS YEAR. THE BLUEBONNETS AND THE INDIAN PAINT BRUSH LINE INTERSTATE 10 FROM SAN ANTONIO TO HOUSTON.

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AND I REMEMBER A FEW YEARS BACK WHEN BARBARA AND I WERE HEADED FROM HOUSTON TO COLLEGE STATION FOR A & M'S COMMENCEMENT. WE SKIPPED THE HELICOPTER AND INSISTED ON DRIVING SO WE COULD SEE YOUR BEAUTIFUL WILDFLOWERS IN BLOOM.

TODAY SOME HAVE RENEWED THE DEBATE ABOUT WHEN AND WHERE THE FIRST EARTH DAY WAS CONCEIVED, ABOUT WHEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT WAS FIRST LAUNCHED IN AMERICA.

WELL, I SAY IT BEGAN JUST ABOUT THE TIME A NATION OF NEW TREES AND FLOWERS STARTED APPEARING AT THE BUSINESS END OF A SHOVEL HELD BY LADY BIRD JOHNSON. \\\

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cc: James W. Cicconi

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 (EM note: Pinkerton signed off on this w/out comments, also.)

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[[EXTRA JOKE]]

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