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I am delighted to send greetings as you gather at the University of Southern California to honor First Lady Patricia Nixon and celebrate the 80th anniversary of her graduation from USC.

Mrs. Nixon was a model first lady who acted with courage and determination to advance the lives of the underprivileged, the sick, and the forgotten. She was an activist for women, children, and families, and she encouraged civic participation across our Nation.

Mrs. Nixon began many of the treasured White House traditions, including the candlelight and garden tours that continue today. She added over 600 artifacts to the White House collection and opened the White House to more people than ever before—giving life to the phrase, "the people's house."

Mrs. Nixon is a true role model for us all. I join in honoring her legacy of service and love for humanity, which is worthy of our admiration and remembrance.

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Sincerely,

The White House