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I send greetings to those celebrating the 215th anniversary of the United States Marshals.

America's law enforcement professionals are among our greatest heroes. Since 1789, U.S. Marshals have contributed to the safety of our Nation by providing security for our courts and witnesses, capturing fugitives, assisting with prisoner transportation, and responding to emergency situations. By upholding the law and bringing criminals to justice, U.S. Marshals have helped protect our citizens and defend our homeland.

I commend U.S. Marshals for your professionalism in working with other law enforcement agencies and your courage in confronting new threats to our country. Your honor and commitment inspire others and demonstrate the character of our Nation.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes on this special occasion. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Bush".