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MRS. FORD'S REMARKS  
SAN JACINTO DAY CEREMONIES  
April 21, 1976

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1.

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2.

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OF A FIGHTING FAITH FOR FREEDOM,  
BORN HERE AT SAN JACINTO,  
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ON THIS PROUD BATTLESHIP,  
AND ALIVE IN THE HEARTS AND LIVES  
OF ALL AMERICANS.

YOU HAVE A HISTORY

PROUD TO REMEMBER

AND PROUD TO CELEBRATE.

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I am deeply honored to become a citizen of Texas on this historic day. How much courage and inspiration we can take from those first Texans who won their independence and used it to build a great State.

Something about the character of Texas captures the zest for freedom--that has kept American strong and growing for two hundred years.

Independence really is a description of a way of life. And Texas is a state whose people live independence by doing, achieving and building for the future.

I salute you as heirs of a fighting faith in freedom, born here at San Jacinto, nurtured by those who served on this proud battleship, and alive in the hearts and lives of all Americans.

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San Jacinto Day Ceremonies, April 21, 1976

I am deeply honored to be made a citizen of Texas on this very historic day. Something about the character of this ~~state~~ state---its unique history, its ~~wide-open spaces~~ wide-open spaces and its people---~~captures~~ captures the hearts of all Americans.

~~We~~ We want in <sup>M</sup> America to keep our frontier, can-do spirit alive, and the traditions of Texas help us remember ~~in~~ the meaning of that word we celebrate this year---independence.

~~This~~ This proud battleship, veteran of two wars, and the monument to San Jacinto day are physical reminders of our ~~faith~~ faith in independence.

We look to the past for courage and inspiration.

~~How~~ How much courage we can take from memories of that band of Texans who ~~won~~ won their ~~freedom~~ freedom.

Independence is not just a ~~word~~ word for monuments and declaration ~~is~~ it is an action word. We must live independence by using our freedom to be the best we can be. In this our 200th year of indeped



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in the atlantic...battleship Texas...was commissioned  
built by newport news shipbuilding....laid down on  
17 april 1911...commissioned 12 march 1914...first  
commanding officer...aw grant...down at vera cruz...  
in 1914...operated with battleship division six during  
ww1...that unit assigned to british battle fleet...no  
action...

station ship...1st transatlantic flight of naval ship...  
in 1919...wrold war ii in atlantic...carriers and submarine  
patrols...part of invasion force for French Morracco...  
operation torch...carried walter cronkite to the invasion  
of north africa...convoy duty...~~fx~~ ~~fxm~~ gunfire support for  
D Day...also off Iowa Jima the following...~~fx~~ after Feb  
1945...bombardment group iowa jima...at okinawa...  
21 april 1948...decommissioned...at san jacinto

March 31, 1972--8th state...congress ratified march 22, 1972...

ERA in Texas



San Jacinto Day Monument

~~XX~~

You have set aside this day---which marks the  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ independence of Texas---to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ remember  
those who fought to make this State free. These  
days we mark in our calendar to note our history are  
always important. They give us both hope and challenge.  
On this day, the tide of history changed for Texas.  
We must remember what we were---to know what we are.  
I'm very pleased to share an ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ occasion of meaning  
in your state...~~WHX~~ which of course is important to American  
history.

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I am deeply honored to ~~be~~ ~~have~~ made a citizen of ~~this~~ Texas on this very historic day. Here on ~~this~~ this battleship which served in two major wars in this park to the memory of that day of victory in Texas so long ago---we remember the victories of the past...and the people who ~~we~~ brought us to today.

We cannot reach back across time and repay ~~those~~ those who brought our freedom with their lives...but we can and must remember the importance of our freedom.

We best honor those who lived and died in ~~the~~ the proud moments of our past by using our freedom---enjoying freedom and savoring it. ~~by~~ The cando/frontier spirit of Texas ~~is~~ survives----comes out of those long ago days of confrontation.

Remarks -- San Jacinto Day Ceremonies, April 21, 1976

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<sup>to remember and proud</sup>  
proud <sup>to celebrate</sup> —

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