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Greetings to everyone attending the centennial of the writing of "America the Beautiful" on this Independence Day, 1993.

On this day, we celebrate both the birth of the first and greatest democracy of the modern era, and the 100th anniversary of one of it's favorite anthems, "America the Beautiful". The ideals embodied by the Declaration of Independence and by this song have served as a guide for our nation and as an inspiration for our people.

We should, on this day, also be justly proud of the influence that our beliefs have had on the world. But the mission of America is far from complete. While the world is filled with opportunity, it is rife with uncertainty. We must dedicate ourselves to carrying on the dreams of the Founders and adding our own chapter to the unfinished American autobiography. By embracing the changes that are altering the landscape of the world today, we help ensure a brighter, more democratic, and more peaceful world. On this Independence Day, I encourage all Americans to rededicate themselves to the conviction that our heroic journey must go forever upward.

Best wishes to everyone on this wonderful day.

Rue Clinton