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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 12, 1988

It gives me great pleasure to send my greetings to all those gathered for this annual Lincoln Day Dinner.

My past seven years in the Presidency have brought me an appreciation of perhaps a fraction of what Abraham Lincoln faced and overcame as the President who preserved the Union. He believed with all his heart, and I know you do as well, in our country, our Party, and the principles of liberty and justice for which Americans have always lived and died.

Lincoln's spirit lives on in every American who would seek and share and strive for his lasting vision that "government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth." Let us remind ourselves that we can meet every challenge our country faces today by rededication to the cause of individual liberty, our God-given rights, the guideposts of morality, and the resolute defense of all that we hold dear. Knowing of Americans like you, and of all you have done and will do, truly gives me every confidence in the future of our country and our Party. In this critical election year, our Party and I need your commitment, dedication and enthusiasm if we are to preserve the accomplishments we have achieved in these seven years.

God bless you, and God bless America.

Ronald Reagan