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I send greetings to all those celebrating the 233rd birthday of the United States Army.

Since 1775, when General George Washington first led soldiers into battle, the brave men and women of the United States Army have served a cause that is good, just, and noble.

Today, the Army is helping to defeat the ideology of tyrants and terrorists. With unwavering courage in the face of danger, members of the United States Army have made America more secure and earned the respect and admiration of a grateful Nation.

I commend soldiers both past and present for your sacrifices in defense of the democratic principles that are the foundation of this country. I also appreciate all of our Nation's military families, who have borne the hardships of war with dignity and devotion. Your contributions will never be forgotten.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you and your families, and may God bless America.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Barack", written in a cursive style.