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I am pleased to welcome Muhammad Ali to our nation's capital and to extend warm greetings to all those gathered for the inauguration of the World Healing Project.

If our nation is to enter the 21st century strong and prosperous, we must each rededicate ourselves to ending bigotry and prejudice -- in our nation and in our own lives. Our differences are our greatest strength, but for too long ignorance has weakened our nation by dividing our people based on race and religion. We must embrace all our citizens, of all colors and creeds, and enter the next millennium together -- as one America.

This healing must come from the spirit, and I commend Muhammad Ali and everyone present today for your efforts to promote understanding and tolerance among all our people. You are bringing new hope that future generations will know the full promise of our society by embracing that which is good in the human spirit.

Best wishes for every future success.

*Bill Clinton*