

Congressional Barbecue

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
DURING CONGRESSIONAL BARBECUE

The South Lawn

8:55 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Please sit down. Thank you very much. We just want to welcome you here. The big bonus of this evening is there are no speeches and no politics, and I just want to welcome you here and thank you for coming.

I also want you to know that this tent now has a hallowed heritage. On Saturday night I had my 25th college reunion under this tent and nobody left until 1:30 a.m.; so don't feel bashful if you want to stay awhile.

It is always a privilege to serve our country, but this is a unique time for all of us because of the point in history in which we find ourselves. And I just thought it would be great if we could get together and enjoy each other's company, get to know each other a little better.

I thank you all for coming, all of you for bringing your spouses, your staff members, your friends, and I hope you enjoy yourselves tonight. This is, after all, your place. I'm just a temporary tenant. I'm glad to be here, glad to welcome you here, and I wanted Hillary to say a word, too, because we're both so pleased to be a part of this evening. Thank you again for coming. (Applause.)

MRS. CLINTON: Thank you. Thank you very much. I just want to add my word of welcome, and it is really a summer celebration tonight. It's the first real day of the Washington summer for those of you who have never experienced it before. And one of secret weapons that Arkansas produces is being served tonight, and that's a tamale from a place called Doe's. Any of you who were in Little Rock in the last year know that, and they're back by special request and demand.

But we're just delighted to have you here. We're delighted to have a chance to visit with you. And we're going to have some great music, in addition to what we've already heard in just a minute, from a group called "Riders in the Sky," if any of you have heard them. And so enjoy yourself and I hope we get a chance to visit some more. Thank you all.

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