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**First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Thank you so much. I am just delighted that this day has come. It is such a great pleasure for me to be here with everyone who has already spoken and so many of you here in the audience who have dreamed and worked to get to this point. As Nancy said pre-production, to give you her thank you and Senator Dole for all your good work that the Federal City Council has been doing not only on this particular idea, but on so many others that are really enhancing the quality of life of our city.

I want to thank the Smithsonian for all of its great work Secretary Ives' real pride and the exciting, dynamic way that the Smithsonian is reaching out into the community and giving us even more of an attraction for people all over the world and General (?) Scott,

Please thank everyone at the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress is soon to have its 200th Birthday in the year 2000, and what a fitting way for it to celebrate its continuing growth by joining forces with the Smithsonian for such a project.

I especially want to thank Nancy Sinatra, thank her for her friendship for our family, but more than that, for her vision which has led to this day. I first heard about Nancy's idea back in 1994; I thought it was a fabulous idea -- one that had such enormous potential to bring in one ways not only archive the records of America's unique music history but also make a music center that brought people off the Mall into downtown Washington, to give all of our millions and millions of visitors a reason to stay in the city at night, to bring their families to yet another attraction that would be so indicative of what we value and care about here in our country. Nancy has done a really extraordinary job in getting us here. This is part of a larger effort that so many of you have been part of and helps us to really transform our city. And we're sitting here, standing in one of the reasons why the transformation is working, the MCI Center.

There are a lot of good ideas on the drawing board, when we witness the signing of the agreement in a few minutes, this one will really be on its way. But like any idea it needs support, it needs constant nurturing so that we can actually move from the agreement that is signed to picking a location and doing the hard work that is necessary to bring this to fruition.

I wanted to be here this morning to thank all of you for helping make this day possible, I think it is just one more indication of the vitality of this city and I think it is so important as we move toward the new century and the new millennium in the year 2000 that we are prepared in Washington to really do everything we can to make our capital city all that it should be and this is another way of actually fulfilling the dreams that many of us have, that this city will not only be the seat of our government but also a real place for people to see the best of American culture, where those who live here will feel part of making their own dreams come true and that

it does reflect everything that we love and care about in the United States.

So, thank you all for bringing us to this point and for making it possible, I look forward to working with you as we take the words on paper and transplant them into action.

Thank you very much.