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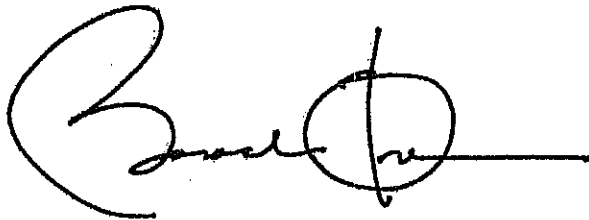
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I am pleased to join all those celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Town of Delmar, Maryland and Delaware. Such a momentous occasion is an opportunity to reflect on the history of your community and the people who made it what it is today.

Since our Nation's founding over two centuries ago, our country has evolved through times of trial and triumph. We struggled through a Civil War and thrived during industrialization. We endured the Great Depression and two World Wars, drew inspiration from Dr. King's dream, and watched Neil Armstrong land on the moon. Your community has borne witness to these events and written its own chapter in the story of our people.

Today, as we work to fulfill America's promise, we look to our past for lessons on courage and determination. As we continue on our journey, I hope you are inspired by the principles upon which our Nation was founded, and by the hard work and sacrifice of our forebears.

Congratulations on this milestone. May you celebrate many more years together as family, friends, and neighbors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", with a large, stylized initial "B" and a circular flourish at the end.