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A MESSAGE IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT ULYSSES S. GRANT BICENTENNIAL

As the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I am pleased to join the Grant Monument Association (GMA) and our country in celebration of the Ulysses S. Grant Bicentennial—a momentous occasion honoring the 200th birthday of America’s 18th U.S. President. Since its inception more than 100 years ago, the GMA has been dedicated to commemorating the life and legacy of this highly regarded statesman, Army General, and American hero.

We acknowledge President Grant’s extraordinary bravery and commitment to our national values and principles embedded in the U.S. Constitution. His critical role in guiding and leading our country through some of the most turbulent times turned the tides of war in the face of merciless opposition and strong resistance. He willingly shouldered great responsibility, and made a profound impact on the course of our country’s history through his tactical ability and strategic brilliance on the battlefield. He stood to preserve the freedoms and liberties we now enjoy.

In this country, in these United States, every single one of us is born free and equal—and all of us, each generation, must continue to aspire to that ideal. President Grant understood this and dedicated his life to this belief. He continues to be an inspiration for all of us that wear the cloth of our Nation.

On behalf of the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, we respect and pay homage to President Grant, and his long storied history of triumph over unimaginable adversity. We are humbled by his selfless service, compassion, and commitment to his fellow Americans and this country. Hollyanne and I join all of our Service members and Veterans, past and present, in recognizing and celebrating President Ulysses S. Grant’s 200th birthday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark A. Milley".

MARK A. MILLEY
General, U.S. Army