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Happy 200th birthday to First Lady Julia Dent Grant!

Mrs. Grant embraced her role as First Lady of the United States. She was a wonderful example to all other First Ladies. Julia Grant was a supportive wife, a loving mother, and a gracious hostess. It's been reported that she said her eight years in the White House were the happiest time of her life.

Mrs. Grant used her gift for hospitality and entertaining to welcome visitors to the People's House. As hosts of the very first state dinner, President and Mrs. Grant understood the importance of diplomacy. President Bush and I loved carrying on this special tradition.

We thank the Ulysses S. Grant Association for preserving the history of our country's 18th First Lady. God bless the memory of First Lady Julia Grant, and may He continue to bless America.

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