

THE WHITE HOUSE

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I am pleased to join all those celebrating the 125th anniversary of Antioch, Illinois. This special occasion is an opportunity to reflect on the past and envision what is possible for the future.

Throughout its history, your community has woven its own thread into the fabric of our society and borne witness to significant events in our national life. Since your founding, America weathered the Great Depression and two World Wars, had its conscience stirred by Dr. King's dream, and watched Neil Armstrong push the boundaries of humanity's reach. During this journey, your community played a role in shaping our shared history and making our Union what it is today.

In the decades to come, our country must continue to join together in times of trial and triumph, to expand opportunity to anyone willing to work hard, and to pursue greater understanding among all people. As we move forward, let us remain steadfast in the ideals upon which America stands, and let us draw strength from our forebears as we build an ever brighter tomorrow.

As you celebrate this milestone, I wish you all the best for the years ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "O" that are connected. The name "Barack" is written in a stylized, cursive font, and "Obama" follows in a similar style. A long horizontal line extends from the end of the signature to the right.