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REMARKS FOR GIRL SCOUTS' 75TH ANNIVERSARY THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1987

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- -- IF JULIETTE GORDON LOW IS LOOKING DOWN UPON US TODAY,

 SHE MUST BE VERY PLEASED WITH WHAT SHE SEES. I'M SURE SHE HAD NO

 IDEA THAT THE 18-MEMBER GIRLS CLUB SHE STARTED 75 YEARS AGO WOULD

 GROW INTO SUCH A BELOVED AMERICAN TRADITION. THEN, AGAIN, MAYBE

 SHE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT SHE WAS STARTING BECAUSE SHE BELIEVED DEEPLY

 IN THE POWER OF YOUNG AMERICAN WOMEN -- THEIR POWER TO IMPROVE

THEMSELVES AND THEIR SOCIETY.

- -- AND WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A. HAVE CERTAINLY DONE JUST THAT. 75 YEARS PLUS 50 MILLION GIRL SCOUTS EQUALS A LOT OF YOUNG WOMEN HELPING OTHERS.
- -- IT'S ALSO HEARTENING TO KNOW THAT THE TRADITIONAL PRINCIPLES OF SCOUTING REMAIN CONSTANT IN SUCH A RAPIDLY CHANGING
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 UNREST, THE GIRL SCOUTS HAVE ALWAYS REMAINED COMMITTED TO THEIR

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- -- JULIETTE GORDON LOW EXPRESSED THAT FACT SO WELL WHEN SHE SAID TO HER SCOUTS: "FACE FORWARD AND FOLLOW THE TRAIL. THE WORK OF TODAY IS THE HISTORY OF TOMORROW, AND WE ARE ITS MAKERS.

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MRS. REAGAN'S REMARKS GIRL SCOUTS' 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT KENNEDY CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C. THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1987

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