

on my own thinking. All Americans should look to the life and work of C. Vann Woodward, as we rededicate ourselves to building one

America in the 21st century. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

## Videotaped Remarks on the Celebration for “America’s Millennium”

*December 16, 1999*

I want to invite all Americans to join Hillary and me for “America’s Millennium,” a spectacular 3-day celebration in our Nation’s Capital to ring in a new year, new century, new millennium. Join us in honoring our past and imagining the future, by kicking off the celebration at 11 a.m. on December 31st with an opening ceremony at the Main Street Millennium stage at 12th and Constitution. Enjoy free performances and programs at many of the Smithsonian museums, and food and fun at the city’s block party.

Usher in the year 2000 at America’s Millennium Gala at the Lincoln Memorial, beginning at 9 p.m. It will include a stirring concert, a

premiere of a film on the 20th century by Steven Spielberg, and a spectacular finale of lights and fireworks. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-888-294-2100 or log onto [Americasmillennium.gov](http://Americasmillennium.gov).

From my family to yours, happy new year and a happy new millennium.

NOTE: The address was videotaped at approximately 10 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room for later broadcast, and the transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 21. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this address.

## Remarks on Emissions Standards for Cars and Sport Utility Vehicles

*December 21, 1999*

Thank you very much. First of all, I would like to thank the principal of this school, Dale Talbert, for welcoming all of us here. And all the members of the Maury school community, thank you, and thank you for the nice sign there. And I want to thank the kids back here for being with me and with you today.

I want to thank Gloria Hackman for the fine statement that she made and for 20 years of dedication as a nurse. As a son and the grandson of a nurse, I liked hearing her speak. And I also want to say a special word of appreciation for the work being done here.

I want to thank Ed Zechman, the CEO of the Children’s National Medical Center, for the wonderful work he does every day and, in particular, the last 7 years, the work that he and the First Lady have done together. And most of all, I want to thank Carol Browner, the EPA Assistant Administrator, Bob Perciasepe, and all

the other people at EPA who worked so hard to make this day come about.

If you knew how many times over the last 7 years, in how many different contexts, Carol Browner had said to me, “You have got to do something to reduce incidents of asthma and other respiratory diseases among young children. We’ve got to keep doing it. It’s the biggest problem out there most kids face.” If you had any idea how many private encounters we had had on that that led to this happy day, you would be very grateful that someone like her is in public service in the United States; I’ll tell you.

Vice President Gore has given me a lot of good ideas, as he always reminds me when we’re together—[laughter]—but the recommendation to appoint her is surely one of the best.

Let me say another word about Gloria Hackman. She was here speaking not only for herself and out of her own experience but in a way for all the children and families of this school