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I am pleased to join all those celebrating the centennial of North Bend, Washington. Such a momentous occasion is an opportunity to reflect on your community and the people who made it what it is today.

Your community has been a part of pivotal moments in our history. We endured the Great Depression and two World Wars, drew inspiration from Dr. King's dream, and watched Neil Armstrong land on the moon.

Today, as we work to fulfill America's promise, we look to our past for lessons on courage and determination. As America's journey continues, I hope you are inspired by the principles upon which our Nation was founded, and by the hard work and sacrifice of our forebears.

Congratulations on this milestone. May you celebrate many more years together as family, friends, and neighbors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Barack Obama". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and a circular flourish at the end.