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Dear America,

Two hundred and fifty years ago, Georgia helped put your founding ideals into words. Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, and George Walton signed the Declaration of Independence, while patriots across the state fought for the promise of self-government.

Since then, Georgia has continued to help shape the American story. From our farms and ports to our universities, businesses, military installations, and communities, Georgians have built, created, served, and led in ways that reach far beyond our borders.

But our history also reminds us that the promise of America has not always been extended to everyone. Georgia's founding vision was imperfect, and generations of people were denied the dignity and opportunity it claimed to value. Our progress has come from confronting those shortcomings and continuing to widen the circle of opportunity.

As America turns 250, that work continues.

Georgia's motto offers a guide for the road ahead: Wisdom. Justice. Moderation. These values call us to listen before we lead, expand opportunity, and recognize that compromise is not weakness, but a necessary part of governing a free people.

America at 250 is not a finished project. Neither is Georgia. Our next chapter will be shaped by the choices we make today. By businesses that invest in their communities, leaders who work across differences, and citizens who believe our best days can still be ahead.

Happy 250th birthday, America. Georgia is proud to have been part of your story from the beginning, and even prouder to help shape what comes next.

Sincerely,



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