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Thank

February 10, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park
Dutchess County, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am directed by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island to transmit to the family of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt the enclosed certified copy of joint resolution (H 605) entitled, JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING VIVIDLY THAT GALLANT WARTIME LEADER IN A SUPREME CRISIS, FRIEND OF THE GREAT AND DEFENDER OF LITTLE MEN AND HUMBLE PEOPLE, FORMERLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE LATE HONORABLE FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, WHOSE BIRTHDAY WE COMMEMORATE, THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 1947, passed on the thirtieth day of January, A. D., 1947.

Very truly yours,

James C. Carr
James C. Carr
Deputy Secretary of State

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Rhode Island

State of Rhode Island, &c.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

H 605

JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1947

JOINT RESOLUTION

MEMORIALIZING VIVIDLY THAT GALLANT WARTIME LEADER IN A SUPREME CRISIS, FRIEND OF THE GREAT AND DEFENDER OF LITTLE MEN AND HUMBLE PEOPLE, FORMERLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE LATE HONORABLE FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, WHOSE BIRTHDAY WE COMMEMORATE, THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 1947.

WHEREAS, Since time in its swift flight brings us again to the anniversary of the birthday of that gallant wartime leader in a supreme crisis, friend of the great and defender of little men and humble people, formerly the President of the United States of America, the late Honorable Franklin Delano Roosevelt, it is a moment for recalling vividly this lifetime devoted to the service of mankind; and

WHEREAS, At the January session, 1945, Resolution No. 96, approved April 19, 1945, summarized so succinctly the embodiment of virtues which characterized this great American, the General Assembly repeats these phrases of appraisal of accomplishment which were at that time born of deep feeling and a sense of irrecoverable loss.

"President Franklin Delano Roosevelt gave to the world a striking example of courage and fortitude in overcoming grave physical handicap; he has given to the nation serene but bold leadership in a time of great economic distress, providing the means by which homes and farms were saved from foreclosure, banking institutions were made sound, deposits were insured, the unemployed were given jobs in the construction of public works, business and industry were rehabilitated, collective bargaining was guaranteed, social security became a reality and the heart of the nation was lifted from the depths of fear to the level of confidence and hope.

"With foresight that was almost miraculous he warned the American people of the danger to our own nation in the aggressions abroad; with keen insight into world conditions he proposed the great program of lend-lease; with a profound knowledge of the needs of our country he

boldly exchanged 50 over-age destroyers for 99-year leases of vital naval and air bases; with a love for the navy and a prescient knowledge of the part it might have to play in the world he rapidly brought it up to treaty strength; and from an innate sense of justice he proclaimed the Atlantic charter to provide freedom of speech and religion and freedom from fear and want.

"After the dastardly attack upon America by Japan and the declaration of war by the other Axis Nations, he mobilized the forces of the nation into a united arm bent upon the destruction of our enemies; he conceived and planned the strategy for the great landings of our forces in Africa, which shortly turned the tide of victory to the arms of the United Nations and placed the Axis powers for the first time on the defensive; with qualities of leadership not surpassed in the history of our country he contributed substantially to the unity of our allies by conferences at Casablanca, Cairo, Teheran, Washington, Quebec and Yalta; he selected outstanding staff officers and field generals under whose leadership the armed might of America with that of our allies has won successes far beyond the immediate hopes of our own people and to the dismay of our enemies; he has produced a balanced civilian economy here at home which yet maintained a constant flow of supplies and munitions of war to our forces everywhere in the world; he has sponsored and directed the participation of our nation in monetary conferences, economic conferences and peace conferences to establish a just economy of life upon a world foundation of equitable international trade with a just and lasting peace.

"He had become to all the distressed and persecuted peoples of the world not only the symbol of America but also the symbol of hope for a better world order;" now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, upon the occasion of the birthday of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, mourns the loss not only to

America but to the world of this great leader, world statesman, champion of the minorities; this humanitarian, whose stature does not decrease with time and who remains for always one of the greatest Americans of all ages and of all times; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be inscribed in the journals of the proceedings of this honorable body, that it be incorporated in the permanent records of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations and that a duly certified copy hereof be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the family of our late president, in respect to the lasting memory of a citizen of the world.

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RESOLUTION

Presented by

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Department of State
Office of the Secretary of State

I, JAMES C. CARR Deputy *Secretary of State*
of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,
hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true _____
copy of joint resolution (H 605) entitled, _____
JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING VIVIDLY THAT GALLANT WARTIME LEADER
IN A SUPREME CRISIS, FRIEND OF THE GREAT AND DEFENDER OF LITTLE
MEN AND HUMBLE PEOPLE, FORMERLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, THE LATE HONORABLE FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, WHOSE
BIRTHDAY WE COMMEMORATE, THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 1947, _____
taken from the records in this office and compared with the
original joint resolution passed by the General Assembly at the
January Session, on the thirtieth day of January, A. D., 1947, _____
and now remaining on file and of record in this office.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the seal
of the State of Rhode Island, this
tenth _____ *day of*
February _____, *A. D. 19* 47

James C. Carr
Deputy Secretary of State.

Thank -
deeply

for

three
wonderful letters

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Elm Shade.

To August 22nd 1947.
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt.

Now that you are no longer "our first lady", it may seem presumptuous on my part to address you; but I have always admired you for your many wonderful qualities, & your ability to march along with your dear husband, to be a real help mate to him in a most trying & important role in life.

Our town, Mexico, is filled with great admirers of your husband & it used to be a great pleasure of mine to listen to his talks over the radio. I loved the Southern accent he gave certain words. & I am sure he was a great & beloved President. There are very few of us who occasionally do not make a mistake; but I have always said no matter if the President does some times make a mistake, I feel sure

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at the time it happened, - he felt he was doing the best thing for us all; but it seems, some one is always on the watch to find a flaw in a man in a lofty position. (We have a great many women in our City of a political turn of mind, able to discuss the most weighty subjects intelligently, but I am not of that class, however, I am interested in what goes on about me in this true world.) When the President went to Yacht + took with him, your daughter, I felt he was not well, + didn't want to be on that long journey with out one of his own with him. - The way he wore that Cape, I felt was to disguise the fact that he was growing thin + after a while, I learned I was correct. However, I did not expect him to "pass away". He was a great man + one of the bravest men I have ever known. - To carry on as he did in that lofty + burdensome position under the handicap that Nature should never have allowed to befall him, showed the strength of character he possessed.

Some are born great -

Some achieve greatness, +

Some have greatness thrust upon them -

Very true - Franklin Roosevelt was born great. + he achieved still more greatness, + at the last the people tried to thrust greatness upon him. but the 4th term, I am sure would have been too great a burden for him to bear. Where ever he went, who ever he met Kings, princes, + rulers everywhere, he stood out in his distinguished manner + bearing from amongst them all! That's when he showed he "was born great" -

By what I have written, you'll see plainly see I am a great admirer of our late President. however my chief object in writing you is to send this picture, which you may not have or have seen in the greater City papers. It was published in our town paper, just before one of his birthday parties which are always largely attended -

To me, the picture of you is the
nicest I have ever seen - & the
one of your husband is the
Sweetest & kindest one I have
seen published - I knew, if you
didn't have it, you would love it
& so, I have taken the liberty
of writing & enclosing the picture,
with kindest wishes -

Most Sincerely Yours,

Cather Q. Rhodes,

(Mrs. Birch f. Rhodes.)



Franklin Delano Roosevelt, late president of the United States shown here in a family portrait with Mrs. Roosevelt, would have observed his birthday today, January 30, if he were living. The celebration of the birthday continues, however, through the March of Dimes which he founded. Himself a victim of infantile paralysis, President Roosevelt started the March of Dimes more than a decade ago to raise funds to fight the disease and to give treatment to persons who are stricken with "polio."

Along With the Headlines—

By Jim Sterner

He would have been 65 years old today.

He would have been starting his 14th year in the White House, meeting crisis with a smile, leading the nation in the way it should go, and with the will of the people.

No man, since Lincoln better earned his rest, but none since Lincoln has been so cruelly missed by the people.

There are those who say he would have been overwhelmed by events, that it is better for him that he left the world stage. They said that of Lincoln, too. In a historical sense, it may be true of both. But that is no consolation to the millions who reacted with sharp shock to the fatal news from Warm Springs. They miss a friend.

This is the 65th anniversary of the birth of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, president of the United States of America from 1932 to 1945.