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Mr. President, Mrs. Reagan, President Mitterrand, Madame
Mitterrand, distinguished guests, and fellow Americans:

As Secretary of Transportation it is my privilege to head the
Coast Guard, technically. And on behalf of the 45,000 men and
women who make up the Coast Guard family, I am delighted to
welcome you to Governors Island.

Having designed the statue of Liberty's interior framework,
Gustave Eiffel was asked how long his creation might withstand the
buffetings of nature. "It will hold," he replied. And so it has.
And so it will.

For in rededicating Miss Liberty this evening, we also
rededicate ourselves. We take fire from her flame and we re-
assert our beliefs in the divine spark illuminating every human
soul.

Liberty's torch no longer serves as an aid to navigation.
But the lamp first lit one hundred years ago still beckons to
those who seek more Liberty -- and more out of life. But they may
never have heard Bartholdi's name. But they share his faith in
liberty enlightening the world. They may not know nothing of
Eiffel or his mechanical genius. But they recognize the lady with
the torch. And they love her for what she represents.

I am honored to join a watchful world as we rekindle a light
that will never dim.

God bless you all -- and God bless America.

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