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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF
SENATOR AND MRS. BYRD
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What a privilege it is to be a part of this anniversary celebration honoring Erma and Bob Byrd.

Indeed, we have enjoyed a warm friendship over many years. I met Bob Byrd in my first position in government back in 1963 when I was a Secretary to Senator B. Everett Jordon, Democrat, of my home state of North Carolina.

Erma and I share a special bond. Our husbands spend more time with each other than they spend with us.

We share a special relationship, all us Senate wives -- we're a close knit group -- crossing philosophical and political lines -- and though these last few years I've not been able to go to our Tuesday meetings like I used to, I cherish the relationships -- and the support that we offer one another.

It was the Senate wives who selected something special for the Senate family -- our own official set of china. Now, there's no gift that could adequately repay the Byrds for what they have given us, but as a token of our affection and esteem, Bob and I, on behalf of all the Senate would like the first family of the Senate to have the first edition of Lenox Senate China -- with our very warmest wishes for continued happiness, both now and through the years to come.

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