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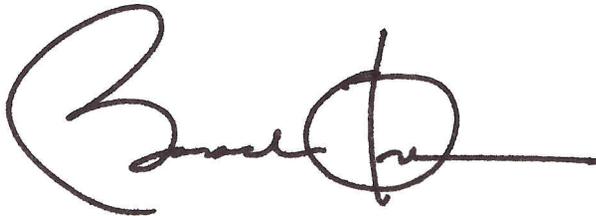
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I send greetings to all those celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

As a grateful Nation, we are humbled by the skill and courage with which America's women in uniform have served our country. Their sacrifices are part of an unbroken line of valor stretching across more than two centuries.

Today, a record number of women are serving in our military, proving themselves in combat like never before. By providing advice and recommendations on policies concerning women in our Armed Forces, organizations like the DACOWITS help ensure we honor our sacred obligations to these heroes. As you gather on this special occasion, I wish you all the best.

May God bless and protect all those who serve, and may God bless the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned at the bottom of the page.