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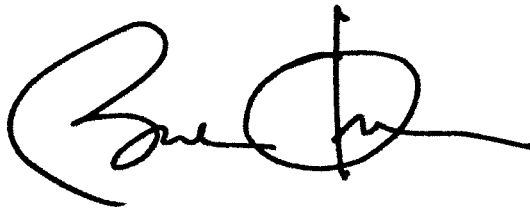
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I send my warmest greetings to all those attending the United States Army Warrant Officers Association's (USAWOA) 37th Annual Meeting of the Members.

Since our Nation's founding, Americans from every generation have answered the call of duty and joined the United States Armed Forces, exemplifying courage and bravery. Today, patriots from all corners of our country continue this proud and honorable tradition. They are the best of America, and we owe them a profound debt of gratitude.

For over three decades, USAWOA has given a voice to many brave men and women who serve and protect our country. By working on behalf of active-duty warrant officers and retirees, USAWOA has inspired us all.

As you gather on this occasion in the spirit of patriotism and comradery, I wish you all the best for a wonderful meeting. 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 below the main body of text.