



BARACK OBAMA

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I am pleased to send greetings to everyone participating in the 2018 Grace Hopper Celebration. Although I could not join you in person in Houston, I want you to know how grateful I am for your steadfast commitment to our shared mission of turning today's bold ideas into tomorrow's realities.

This annual gathering gives us an opportunity to reflect on the incredible legacies of Anita Borg and Grace Hopper—two fine examples of women who challenged the status quo, standing up and speaking out to make sure their remarkable talent went toward creating a better world for future generations. They embodied our nation's drive to tinker and invent and to push the boundaries of what's possible—just as all of you do. And it's that same drive in each of you that will propel us forward, unlock new frontiers, and help us to stay on the forefront of technological progress in the years to come.

I hope you enjoy the opportunity to revisit old ideas, dream up new ideas, to reflect and to reenergize, because the work is waiting for you. And Michelle and I will be standing right alongside you every step of the way.

Remember to keep aiming high, dreaming big, and working hard. And don't forget to vote!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style.