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Today, on behalf of all Americans, I salute a group of men and women whose leadership is essential to effective government -- the members of the Senior Executive Service.

Established ten years ago this month, the SES consolidated and simplified executive personnel systems and practices throughout the Federal Government. Its goal was to "create a cadre of extraordinarily competent and dedicated people" who would be responsible for the execution of government programs. The SES has done that and more. Since 1979, the SES has evolved in response to changing government needs, just as its members have responded to new challenges in public service.

As a public official, I have witnessed firsthand the positive influence of the SES system and have developed a deep respect for the men and women who make it work. Today, I rely on these executives to help translate our Nation's goals and ideals into successful Federal programs. They bring great expertise -- and honor -- to the field of public service.

I encourage all Americans to learn more about the great responsibilities shouldered by our Senior Executive Service members, as well as the many contributions these individuals make to our life as a nation. Their record is one in which we can all take pride.

Barbara joins me in thanking the men and women of the SES and in wishing them a splendid tenth anniversary.

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