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I send greetings to those gathered for the 2006 USS FRANK KNOX (DDR-742) reunion in Branson, Missouri.

Since our Nation's founding, the men and women of our military have protected our citizens and preserved the ideals that make our country strong. You have served our Nation with valor and distinction as part of the greatest force for freedom in the history of the world, and you continue to set a lasting example of courage. America is grateful for your brave service and sacrifice.

This event is a time to reconnect with old friends and celebrate the accomplishments of the USS FRANK KNOX. The special bonds you forged during your service are a testament to your dedication to our great Nation.

Laura and I send our best wishes on this special occasion. May God bless you, may God bless our troops, and may God continue to bless America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Bush".