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I send greetings to those gathered for the 16th Annual Education Conference of the American Association of Code Enforcement. Congratulations as you observe National Code Compliance Month.

Across our country, many dedicated individuals provide for the safety, health, and welfare of our citizens through the enforcement of codes and ordinances in the areas of building, zoning, housing, and fire safety, among others. Since 1988, the AACE has served the code enforcement profession by helping to ensure high standards and promoting continuing education among its members. This conference provides a forum to exchange information and learn more about critical issues and opportunities. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the good work of code enforcement officers will be essential to the ongoing rebuilding efforts along the Gulf Coast.

I appreciate AACE members for your hard work and dedication to serving your communities and our Nation. Your professionalism helps improve the quality of life of countless Americans and makes our Nation stronger and safer.

Laura and I send our best wishes on this special occasion.

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