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The Arts & Humanities program is aimed at helping to create a climate in which these two most important and related cultural areas may flourish. I believe the Arts Endowment and the Humanities Endowment have made great progress in fostering this climate.

When we ~~look~~ consider the level of our government's support for the arts and ~~the~~ relative paucity of emphasis on the humanities and ^{our} ~~the~~ ^{contributions} ~~work~~ of our nation's scholars prior to enactment of this legislation in 1965, and when we look at the wide variety of programs both Endowments -- guided by their eminently qualified private citizen councils -- have initiated, we can see how much ~~has~~ ^{been} this legislation has advanced our

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nation's well-being.

Young artists and scholars
have been aided, ^{the} many established
ones have been given ^{national} recognition
and encouragement to pursue
their work, innovative programs
have stemmed from the knowledge
and wisdom of the two cohorts
and from the leadership ~~that~~ the
chairmen have provided. Great
art organizations in dire financial
stress have been assisted or
rescued and given a new lease on
life. Before this law came
into being only a handful of
states had ~~any~~ any sort of
program to support the arts.
Now each state has an
established state arts agency,
granting through matching
Federal funds and bringing
more ^{as my} encouragement to

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The arts at community & local levels,
and The Humanities Endowment
is also working ^{with the states} in regional areas.

Indeed, we have
witnessed the ^{genesis and growth of} climate we
sought to help create. Through
"the quality of life" is an often
used phrase, it is at the very
basis of this legislation. Only
in such a climate can our
artists & scholars ^{best} contribute
their talents to society and
people. And it is in terms of
this climate that we should
think of our Bicentennial - not
just as a goal in itself, but
as a springboard forward.

Private citizen groups throughout the
country have lauded this ^{whole} program
as of essential and central value
to our ^{best} country's future.

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the third century of our nation's life.
The ~~next~~ ^{coming} future centuries. In
my view, only in these terms
does an actual Bicentennial
celebration relate to the long-range
work of the Arts & Humanities
Program.

~~In summary~~

It is a climate for the
encouragement of our
cultural well-being has been
so assisted - and it has
grown in ~~status~~ meaning
and effectiveness, as I
so strongly believe it has -
now it should be allowed
to advance toward its
full potentials, so that we
can truly take our place
among the leading civilizations
of the world, which throughout
history have considered, ⁱⁿ these
cultural areas have an abiding

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importance and value. History
has judged traveling organizations
in these terms, and history
will judge our own
civilization as it further
develops in this fashion.

Let me say in particular
that I am especially pleased
that Senator Javits is co-sponsoring
this legislation. He was
a pioneer in this area long
before I became involved
myself. As we do now,
he & I have joined together
in the past, and at the
inception of this legislation,
to make possible the
creation of the arts &
humanities program and
to reauthorize its advancement