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“Some of the most important presidential speeches have been delivered on Inauguration Day. In 1961, John F. Kennedy famously called for Americans to ‘ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.’ At his 1933 inauguration, Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that the ‘only thing we have to fear is fear itself.’ President Barack Obama’s words today were uplifting and appropriate given the times that we are in. It was an inauguration for all Americans. I look forward to working with our new President. We have a lot to do and I’m ready to get to work.”

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