

THE WHITE HOUSE

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I am pleased to send my greetings to all those gathered in Washington, D.C., for the 75th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Weights and Measures.

For three-quarters of a century, the National Conference has played a vital role in our marketplace by protecting the rights of consumers and business owners alike; by establishing uniform standards for retail trade; by promoting fair competition among businesses; and by facilitating trade across state and national borders. Today, the consensus-building approach taken by the regulatory officials and industry representatives participating in this conference is helping to assure an efficient and fair marketplace without excessive restrictions on technology or business operations.

The National Conference of Weights and Measures provides a model of cooperation between Federal, state, and local governments and the private sector. I applaud your efforts to promote equity in trade at both the national and international levels. With more free market systems emerging around the world, your work will continue to grow in importance. You have made significant contributions to the growth of American commerce since your first meeting in 1905, and I look forward to your continued success.

Barbara joins me in congratulating you on your Diamond Anniversary and in sending best wishes for a productive Annual Meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Geo Bush".