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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPE REMARKS FOR
125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 13, 1995**

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PROPOSED VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR FIRST LADY
HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON AT THE GALA
CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
AT LINCOLN CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1995

I want to congratulate the Association of the Bar of the City of New York on its 125th Anniversary. I am sorry that other commitments kept me from joining you in person.

I am delighted to recognize with you tonight the Association's long history of public service. The Association's tradition of public service began at its beginning in 1870 and has continued ever since. It was not surprising to me then to learn that the focus of this celebration is the Association's Community Outreach Law Program.

Community Outreach provides vital legal assistance through volunteers to thousands of poor children and families, elderly, homeless, immigrants and others in need. These are people who do not otherwise have access to legal services. Yet these are the people who are suffering special burdens and who face an even greater array of obstacles than most of us. Tragically, in today's political climate, poor children and their families are viewed not as the objects of concern but as the culprits for everything that goes wrong with society. In these particularly difficult times, they are even more dependant upon the private bar and programs like the Association's Community Outreach.

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The Community Outreach Program facilitates that pro bono service. It trains volunteers and provides them with experienced lawyers to serve as mentors. Its broad range of projects recognizes the interests and availability of the volunteers. For example, Community Outreach volunteers act as guardians ad litem to the elderly or infirm, provide representation in adoption proceedings, mediate child custody disputes and counsel women who are trying to pull themselves out of violent, abusive relationships. But the Association does not stop with basic legal representation.

Community Outreach programs reach the broader community with educational services as well. The Association's volunteers conduct community forums on topics ranging from consumer fraud to sex discrimination. They also train nonlawyers who work with various populations to help their constituents identify problems, to help themselves or to learn where to go for help. As part of this effort, the Association recently trained teachers, guidance counselors, hospital workers, and staffs of community based organizations. In addition, in cooperation with the New York City Mayor's Office, the Association trained health care workers about domestic violence and the law.

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