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REMARKS OF MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON FOR  
DEDICATION OF BIG SUR SCENIC HIGHWAY, BIXBY CREEK BRIDGE

Office of the Press Secretary  
to Mrs. Johnson

THE WHITE HOUSE

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I dedicate . California's first scenic highway today -- as the maintenance of a trust -- a trust for ourselves -- and a trust for the generations to follow.

It is a partnership of open space and man's use -- a heritage of landscape to be shared by all.

Here, on the Monterey coast, this seventy-two miles of fine shining thread is a road linking, bridging, and weaving the mountain range and the Pacific.

Here, along this road, a value is placed on preserving and strengthening a sense of awe, of wonder.

Here, men may seek their release in motion -- driving like a flight of birds traveling north and south.

This is not a place for high speed driving, or thundering commerce. This road is dedicated to leisure, and to people who wish to absorb the beauty of an incomparable shore.

How appropriate that this route has been named The Cabrillo Highway after Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo who sailed past this headland in 1542 with a sense of exploring the unknown, a sense of adventure.

For here, this curve of the road holds a sense of adventure, the adventure of the high view, its majesty and its changing moods.

The people of the Nation are indebted to Governor Brown and others of you in high office in the state of California -- like Senator Farr -- and the residents of the coast who took action to safeguard the land along which this scenic road now travels. For, this coastline lies here in the afternoon sun -- the western boundary of our continent.

Inscribed on this plaque -- we can read the words of Robinson Jeffers -- from his poem entitled, "Continent's End:"

"I gazing at the boundries of granite and spray  
The established sea-marks, felt behind me  
Mountain and plain, the immense breadth of the  
continent, before me -- the mass and doubled  
stretch of water."

And, at this continent's end I stand today -- and take pride in dedicating this scenic highway for the joy of all who come to share it.

I shall look forward to being a wayfarer along it today.

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