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It's my great pleasure to celebrate with the Swiss American Society on the occasion of your 100 year anniversary. I'd like to thank Cornelia Ritz Bossicard and her team, especially Thierry de Sépibus, for the opportunity to provide this congratulatory message.

100 hundred years is an incredible milestone to celebrate! I find great hope in the message on the society's website: "understanding each other, getting closer to each other." This statement perfectly sums up what makes the partnership between our two countries so powerful and enduring.

From those first Swiss American Society business tours in the 1920s, to the holidays visits for U.S. soldiers following the end of WWII, to the educational exchange scholarships of today, this society has worked tirelessly to make sure the relationship between our two nations flourishes. We are, without a doubt, close in understanding and in friendship thanks to your work. Our two countries clearly share important traits—a commitment to free enterprise, longstanding traditions of innovation, and an entrepreneurial spirit. These traits are underpinned by deeply-rooted common values of democracy, decentralized power, and individual responsibility. But it is our people, Americans and Swiss living here in Switzerland and in the United States, that form the fabric of our bilateral relationship.

I am truly honored, as U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein, to continue to work with our colleagues in business, government, academia, and society to ensure that our robust partnership continues to grow and strengthen the vitality of our great nations.

Congratulations on the centennial anniversary of the Swiss American Society - here's to the next 100 years of this great partnership!

Sincerely,