I send greetings to those gathered for the presentation of the 2005 Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers. Congratulations to this year's nominees as you are recognized for your achievements and promising leadership in your field.

America's greatest resource has always been the educated, hardworking, ambitious people who call this country their home. And for our Nation to remain the most competitive and innovative in today's global economy, we must continue to lead the world in human talent and creativity. This event is an opportunity to recognize scientists and engineers who use their abilities to the fullest, in the spirit of discovery. Your work expands the horizons of human knowledge, and your research enhances our understanding of life and the world around us. As innovators, you keep America on the cutting edge with discoveries that change the way we live and think.

I appreciate the gifted and visionary citizens being honored at this event. Your imagination and your resolve to improve the quality of life for our people set a fine example for others and give me great confidence in our future.

Laura and I send our best wishes for your continued success. May God bless you and your work, and may God continue to bless America.