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This year marks 23 years since the Srebrenica genocide. Today, we Americans join together with the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina to honor the memory of the more than 8,000 men and boys who perished in Srebrenica.

The horrific Srebrenica genocide reminds us that we must strive for a stable and prosperous future for the benefit of all citizens, regardless of race or religion, in Bosnia and Herzegovina and everywhere else. Every day, we are charged with remembering the past as we build a better future. We must work harder to overcome past grievances and to strengthen democratic institutions so that our path never again leads back to dark days of the past. We must work for the day when the remains of all of those slain in Srebrenica are finally recovered and may lie in their lasting resting places, and when justice reaches all of the perpetrators still at large.

The United States stands with the people Bosnia and Herzegovina on this day. We will not forget your fallen. We honor the victims of genocide and remain steadfast in our partnership to bring enduring stability and prosperity to your country.