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I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all the global leaders and distinguished guests gathered to celebrate the presentation of the 2024 William Monroe Trotter Leadership Award.

William Monroe Trotter's life and legacy help us remember the full history of our country. He overcame barriers and fought to make the ideals of our Nation a reality—not just for some but for all. Like its namesake, this award recognizes pioneers of change and champions of justice.

I join you in honoring my friend Congresswoman Barbara Lee as the recipient of this year's award. Congresswoman Lee, thank you for your dedication to advancing racial justice and advocating for underserved communities. I am grateful for your commitment to equity and tireless efforts to build a brighter future for generations to come. Your leadership and work continue to propel our Nation forward.

Thank you to Congresswoman Lee, the Wilson Center, and the leaders gathered today for all you do each day. I send my best wishes for a wonderful awards celebration and bright future ahead.

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