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## Hailing President Obama's Historic Mention of Stonewall in His Inaugural Address

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This week the nation saw an historic first as President Obama made a passionate and eloquent defense of equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Americans in his second inaugural address. I am particularly proud of his mention of Stonewall, the birthplace of the modern LGBT rights movement, which is located in the 27th State Senate District, in the same breath as Seneca Falls and Selma. I am deeply moved by President Obama's recognition of families like mine and so many others in my district. I applaud the President's substantive accomplishments for LGBT Americans during his first term and am heartened by his soaring declaration, at the outset of his second, that all Americans must be treated as true equals under the law.