

of October 2, 1975, as amended, is further amended as follows:

A new section 2 of Executive Order No. 11880 shall be added to read: "The President may at any time, pursuant to law but without regard to the foregoing provisions of this order, direct that an officer, as defined in 5 U.S.C. 3347, and specified by the President shall act as Secretary of Commerce."

The present section 2 of Executive Order No. 11880, as amended, shall be redesignated as section 3.

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
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### **Memorandum on Designation of Acting Secretary of Commerce**

*April 5, 1996*

*Memorandum for the Honorable Mary Lowe  
Good, Under Secretary of Commerce for  
Technology*

Pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 3347 of title 5, United States Code, and Executive Order No. 11880, as amended, you are directed to perform the duties of the office of Secretary of Commerce, until such time as I appoint a Secretary of Commerce.

**William J. Clinton**

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### **The President's Radio Address**

*April 6, 1996*

Good morning. For millions of Americans this is an especially joyous time of year. All across our country, families come together to celebrate Easter or Passover; parents reunited with their children, brothers and sis-

ters, aunts and uncles, friends joining in these celebrations of faith and renewal.

Yesterday in Oklahoma City, Hillary and I gathered with a remarkable American community to remember its loss and mark its passage from pain to hope. Nearly a year has passed since evil struck our heartland, killing 168 Americans, injuring many more, touching all of us. Yet from the moments terror's shadow darkened their lives, the people of Oklahoma City began their common effort to work together to rebuild their lives, their community, and their future.

The people of Oklahoma City have proved to the Nation that while the American spirit can be terribly tested, it cannot be defeated. They have shown our children that even in the wake of the most terrible tragedy, goodness can prevail.

The men, women, and children who fell beneath the rubble of the Murrah Federal Building were not cut down in a great battle, they were just ordinary Americans. Simple soldiers of the everyday, going to work, going to play, taking on their responsibilities as parents and providers and citizens.

Many of them were Government workers, laboring every day to help millions of their fellow citizens make the most of their own lives: caseworkers seeing to it that senior citizens received their Social Security; law enforcement officers keeping our streets safe, our schools free from drugs; military recruiters helping to keep our country strong. They're the people who make America work. They're what we mean when we speak of Government of, by, and for the people.

The work of Government employees isn't usually very glamorous, and it can be grindingly difficult. And as the tragic loss of Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown and his colleagues just a few days ago reminds us, sometimes it can also be very dangerous.

Later today, the Vice President and I will make a sad journey to an Air Force base in Dover, Delaware. There, on the eve of Easter, we will be with the families of Ron Brown and his delegation as their loved ones make a final journey home.

Ron Brown was a dear friend of mine, a friend to American businesses and American workers everywhere, who did more to create good jobs by opening new markets to our