



THE WHITE HOUSE
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To the Members of the Cameron Creole Watershed Marsh
Terracing Project Team:

Congratulations on receiving the Coastal America 2003 Partnership Award. The award recognizes outstanding partnerships that come together in innovative ways to make a significant contribution toward the restoration and protection of our Nation's coastal environment.

The partnership you forged has brought together Federal, State, and local agencies, corporations, private landowners, and environmental organizations in a collaborative effort to protect and restore coastal Louisiana's wetlands. These wetlands provide habitat for millions of waterfowl and migratory birds and 30 percent of the Nation's fisheries catch. They also afford protection to the oil and gas pipelines that are crucial to our Nation's energy supply.

My Administration strongly supports such efforts to bring together collective resources to meet common goals and address our challenging environmental needs.

Please accept my best wishes for your continued success

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garner", written in a cursive style.