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**WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON IS SWORN IN AS 42nd PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES**

Following his oath, President Clinton delivered his inaugural address: a promise of renewal for the American people and state.

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Today, William Jefferson Clinton was sworn into office by Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist, becoming the 42nd President of the United States.

After taking the oath, President Clinton delivered his inaugural address, which lasted 14 minutes and focused on his plans to renew the strength of the United States through his administration.

“Our democracy must be not only the envy of the world, but the engine of our renewal,” he said. “There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America.”

In order to achieve this renewal, Clinton stated that Americans must also meet challenges abroad as well as at home.

“Our greatest strength is the power of our ideas, which are still new in many lands. Across the world, we see them embraced—and we rejoice,” Clinton said. “Our hopes, our hearts, our hands, are with those on every continent who are building democracy and freedom. Their cause is America’s cause.”

Clinton is preceded in office by President George Walker Bush.

“On behalf of our nation, I salute my predecessor President Bush for his half-century of service to America, and I thank the millions of men and women whose steadfastness and sacrifice triumphed over depression, fascism and communism,” Clinton said.

Clinton looks forward to beginning the 21st century in America with energy, hope, faith, and discipline, in order to move onward and upward.

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