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PRESIDENT HONORS ELIZABETH COOLIDGE

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 — A "declaration of gratitude," signed by the President of the United States and other high officials, was presented tonight to Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge for her gifts to the Library of Congress in furtherance of chamber music.

The tribute contained in a specially bound volume was presented to Mrs. Coolidge by Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress, in the intermission of tonight's concert, the finale of a three-day celebration of her eightieth birthday today.

Mr. MacLeish concluded the citation of her benefactions with the declaration that she had "done what none before her had found the means to do—given the music on the shelves of the Library a living voice and let the people hear it."

Mrs. Coolidge thanked "the scores of friends," whose tribute she accepted as "a superb climax to a long life," crowning her life work "with pride and with humility."

Tonight's concert, which will have a repeat performance tomorrow, included three new dance compositions presented here for the first time. They were "Imagined Wing," by Darius Milhaud; "Appalachian Spring," by Aaron Copland, and "Mirror Before Me," by Paul Hindemith.

Choreography was by Martha Graham, who participated in two of the dances. Sets were designed by Isamu Noguchi and costumes were by Edythe Gilfond. Louis Horst was musical director.