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## AARP CONGRATULATES MICHELLE OBAMA ON HER 50TH BIRTHDAY

WASHINGTON (January 17, 2013) — As the First Lady Michelle Obama celebrates her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, AARP today released the following statement from CEO A. Barry Rand:

“On behalf of AARP and its more than 37 million members, we want to wish a warm and very happy 50<sup>th</sup> birthday to First Lady Michelle Obama, as she reaches this very special milestone. Welcome to the club! Not only is Mrs. Obama helping to change and reshape the way people look at aging in this country, but she’s also showing folks how great 50 looks today. We’re proud to be able to call her a member of the AARP family and know that she will continue to set a great example to all by showing that age sets no boundaries on what you can achieve in life.”

A photo of Mrs. Obama receiving her AARP Membership card at the White House, as well as a special mock cover of *AARP The Magazine* featuring the First Lady are available upon request by emailing Michelle Alvarez at [malvarez@aarp.org](mailto:malvarez@aarp.org).

For articles and more information on the last of the Baby Boomer generation turning 50 in 2014, please visit [www.aarp.org/boomers](http://www.aarp.org/boomers).

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### **About AARP**

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of nearly 38 million, that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment and income security, retirement planning, affordable utilities and protection from financial abuse. We advocate for individuals in the marketplace by selecting products and services of high quality and value to carry the AARP name as well as help our members obtain discounts on a wide range of products, travel, and services. A trusted source for lifestyle tips, news and educational information, AARP produces AARP The Magazine, the world's largest circulation magazine; AARP Bulletin; [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org); AARP TV & Radio; AARP Books; and AARP en Español, a Spanish-language website addressing the interests and needs of Hispanics. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to political campaigns or candidates. The AARP Foundation is an affiliated charity that provides security, protection, and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. AARP has staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Learn more at [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org).

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