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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 27, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Youth Citizenship Award

You have asked for our views on the proposal to establish a Presidential Youth Citizenship Award program. As described in your memorandum, youth organizations could earn Presidential recognition by completing a community improvement project. The project must have the approval of local government and the work must constitute an average contribution of ten hours per individual.

We see no overriding legal objections to consideration of this proposal. A wide range of legal issues will, however, arise in the course of implementing the proposal. Typical questions will concern the potential liability of local government and/or the Federal government for acts of or injuries to individuals participating in the program, appearance problems created by White House "approval" of youth organizations that may engage in prohibited practices, objections to particular projects or the use of volunteer labor on those projects, and so on. From our point of view it would be best not to formalize procedures and criteria for Presidential recognition of laudable youth projects. Creating a formal structure and program, with participation guidelines and performance requirements, increases the involvement of the White House in activities we cannot control -- such as those of the youth organizations -- and accordingly increases our potential legal exposure. There can be no objection to the President establishing an award for contributions by youth organizations, and issuing the award on a systematic basis. I would avoid anything more formal.

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PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARD

A Joint Private/Public Sector Initiative for Community Improvement

PURPOSE

To lend Presidential encouragement for youth organizations to participate with local governmental bodies in beneficial community improvement projects.

ADVANTAGES

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2. Direct Presidential recognition for community service by a youth organization.
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The Presidential Certificate will be awarded to local community youth organizations, throughout the United States and its territories, that complete the following requirements:

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3. The improvement project must represent an average contribution by each individual in the organization of 10 hours of work. For example, 20 member group complete a project representing a minimum of 200 hours of work.
4. The youth group must keep detailed records of all phases of the project. Upon completion of the project they should complete the attached information form. The local government acknowledges successful completion of the project by signing the form in the appropriate location. The form must then be forwarded to the PYCA Office for certification.
5. The awarding of this Presidential Certificate is not restricted to local youth groups that are affiliated with national organizations. Recipients may be independent youth organizations that exist only in a single community.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Youth Citizenship Award

You have asked for our views on the proposal to establish a Presidential Youth Citizenship Award program. As described in your memorandum, youth organizations could earn Presidential recognition by completing a community improvement project.

This proposal is very similar to the already extant Congressional Award Program, established pursuant to the Congressional Award Act, Public Law 96-114, 93 Stat. 851 (November 16, 1979). The stated purpose of the Congressional Award Program is "to promote initiative, achievement, and excellence among youths in the areas of public service, personal development, and physical and expedition fitness." Under the program gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded to youths aged 14-21 who successfully complete approved projects, including community service projects.

I have attached for your information a copy of the Congressional Award Act and other material on the Congressional Award Program. In light of the existence of the Congressional Award Program, the proposed Presidential Youth Citizenship Award Program strikes me as redundant.

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Presidential Youth Citizenship Award

*John -
Clara Stone is involved
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existence - I'll
get the name
Pls see me
4/27*

William F. Sittmann has asked for your views on a proposal to establish a Presidential Youth Citizenship Award program. As described in the attached memorandum, youth organizations that worked with local government and successfully completed a community improvement project would receive a Presidential Youth Citizenship Award. The program would require approval and guidance from local government, a specified amount of work from each individual in the youth organization, and acknowledgment of successful completion of the project by local government.

I can discern no legal bar to the program, at least as described in general outline. Legal issues will, however, arise in implementing the program: Will the local government be liable for injuries sustained by members of the youth organization during the project? Will the Federal government? What if the youth organization "discriminates" in some fashion, as most do -- a boy's club, a Latino "gang," a church club? Will there be challenges to the program as a means of securing free labor for local governments? From a legal perspective it would be much better if the program were not as formalized as it apparently is intended to be. It is not apparent to me why it is desirable to establish a rigid program with participation and certification requirements. The imposition of such requirements and the concomitant involvement of the White House raise questions concerning our legal liability with respect to organizations participating in the program and their activities while doing so.

I suggest a memorandum to Sittmann, raising these general concerns, and recommending a less formal approach. The President can always recognize laudable youth activities, and even establish a new award for this purpose, but need not erect a new structure of rules and procedures.

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MEMORANDUM

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You will recall that William F. Sittmann asked for your views on establishing a Presidential Youth Citizenship Award program, to recognize volunteer youth organizations which successfully completed community service projects. In response to my previous memorandum on the proposal you noted that the contemplated program sounded very similar to one already in existence involving W. Clement Stone. Through the good graces of Karen Kwiatt, I have now obtained some material on the program to which you referred, the Congressional Award Program. Congress established this program in Public Law 96-114, 93 Stat. 851 (1979), "to promote initiative, achievement, and excellence among youths in areas of public service, personal development, and physical and expedition fitness." Under the program gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded to persons aged 14-21 years who complete projects approved by the Congressional Award Board. The basics of the program are indistinguishable from Sittmann's proposal, aside from the obvious difference of which branch of government administers it.

I have drafted a fresh memorandum to Sittmann, noting the existence of the Congressional Award Program and suggesting that his proposal would be redundant.

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August 11, 1983 .

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Presidential Citizens Medal

Bill Sittmann has inquired if we have any objections to providing the Kansas City Chiefs with a photograph of the Presidential Citizens Medal, to be used to create a patch for the players to wear on their uniforms. A former member of the team, Joe Delaney, was awarded the medal posthumously this year after he drowned trying to save two drowning boys, even though he himself did not know how to swim.

Executive Order 11494, which establishes the medal, contains nothing that would preclude the Chiefs from displaying it. A photograph of the medal is attached. The medal is vaguely similar to the Presidential Seal, but not close enough to present any problems. There is no danger that the patches will lead anyone to think the Government has endorsed or is sponsoring the Chiefs. I think the proposal is a fine gesture and see no reason to block it. Sittmann has asked for a quick answer; if you agree, I will call and let him know we have no objection.

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so patch can be made for team
uniforms

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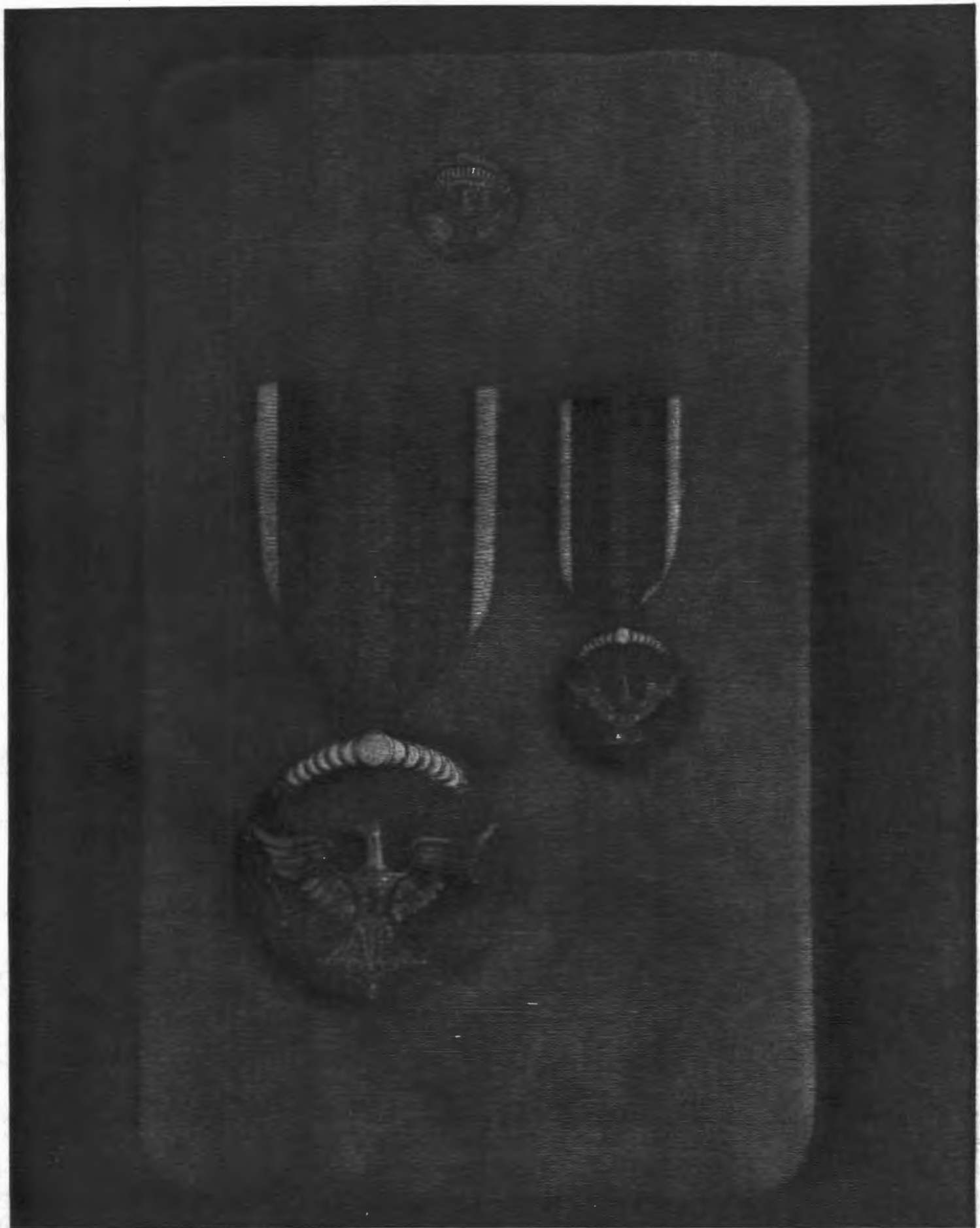
FFF:

Bill Sittmann called at 11:20 am this morning re: Joe Delaney (played football for K.C. Chiefs) a month or so ago he attempted to rescue 2 drowning boys - before he dove in the water he told people to get help because he couldn't swim - all drowned.

The VP was down there and presented to the family the President's Citizens Medal. The KC Chief office called asking for a photo of the medal so they could have a patch made of it for the players to wear on their uniforms - do you have a problem w/this? Pls reply by COB TODAY.

Thanks.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

May 7, 1984

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS LUNCHEON

The East Room

1:05 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much for the applause. But believe me, today it's the other way around. I'm here to applaud you. (Applause.)

And this is a particularly fitting time to be holding this luncheon -- today is the first working day of National Volunteer Week, and we've just ended a National Year of Volunteerism.

Now, I want to begin by expressing my thanks here to some volunteers who've made this occasion possible. I'm talking, of course, about George Romney and Clem Stone.

I remember from our days as Governor, how much interest George took in volunteerism, and fortunately for all of us, it's an interest that he's continued with up until this day.

And what can you say about Clem Stone? If he doesn't qualify for most generous American, who can? (Applause.)

Now, there's one lady here today who isn't getting an award, but is someone who really ought to be mentioned. Her name is Edith Westerman. And she volunteers full-time and sometimes works a lot more than full-time in our Private Sector Initiatives Office here at the White House.

And, Edie, from all of us, thanks for your help in today's event and throughout the year.

You know, there's a fair amount of paperwork in this job that I'm currently holding. (Laughter.) Homework, too. You ought to see the stacks of stuff that I lug upstairs every night. It's a good thing that I go home from work in an elevator. (Laughter.)

Some of it -- in fact, a lot of it -- is not exactly the sort of thing that would be your first choice for bedtime reading. But I want you to know that recently I've had a chance to do some reading that not only riveted my attention, but filled my heart with pride. It's a feeling that I know all Americans would share if they, too, had a chance to see what I see. I'm referring to the citations for the awards that you're receiving today and the descriptions of the incredible work that you've done through your organizations or as individuals to better the lot of others.

What magnificent stories there are to tell about each of you. You've run jobs in health programs; you've helped the unemployed and handicapped; you held out a helping hand to those who are forgotten or shunned or can't help themselves -- drug addicts, and prostitutes, and convicts. You've started worldwide relief agencies and community colleges. You've run Vietnam veterans' hiring programs and Indian culture schools. You've helped provide orthopedic shoes and braces for crippled children. You've donated clothes and school supplies for underprivileged children.

In fact, I can assure you that everytime my staff and I thought we would single out a person or an organization for these citations we came across somebody else who was just as worthy of mention.

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Each one of you has made a personal sacrifice to do the work that you did. None of you ever expected any rewards for what you did. Many times, I'm sure there were doubts and lots of discouragement, and it took real courage to carry on.

We've had a lot of heroes at ceremonies here at the White House during the past few years -- our Shuttle astronauts, for example, or our Marines and Rangers from the Grenada expedition. But, believe me, you stand as tall in your own way as any of them. What you've done is in the finest tradition of your country.

It was that Frenchman, De Tocqueville, so often quoted by after-dinner speakers, who, when he came here in the 1830's, reflected in awe about American volunteerism. He said, "These Americans are the most peculiar people in the world. You'll not believe me when I tell you how they behave. In a local community in their country, a citizen may conceive of some need which is not being met. What does he do? He goes across the street, discusses it with his neighbor. And then what happens? A committee comes into existence. (Laughter.) And the committee begins functioning in behalf of the need." And he went on to say that no bureaucrats were involved at all, just the people did it. (Laughter.)

Each of you here today has demonstrated this unique American spirit of volunteerism, partnership and innovation. In your own way, you're working to resolve issues in a more effective manner than we could do with large federal programs. Personal dedication and commitment seem to be the underlying key to success in all of your efforts.

And in the three years since we started these awards, we've seen an ever increasing rise in people actively helping their neighbors. So, I want to applaud you today and thank you on behalf of all your fellow Americans. Every one of us is grateful to you. As members of your families and communities and citizens of our country, you've been an inspiration and an example to us. But most of all, we're grateful for the people you've helped, for the people whose lives you've touched and whose burdens you've lifted because you cared enough to extend a helping hand and a warm heart.

And, now, with the assistance of Tom Pauken of ACTION and George Romney, I'd like to have the pleasure of handing out your awards. (Applause.)

(Awards are presented.)

THE PRESIDENT: I was supposed to be through now, but I just have one word that I just can't help but say here. I asked a question once -- it wasn't original with me. It had first been asked by an admiral standing on the bridge of a carrier at the time of the Korean War when planes were taking off on a night mission. And as he watched them go, he asked, "Where do we find such men?"

I asked the question after an evening some years ago while I was still in California when we had been in the company of the first of the returning POWs from Vietnam. And I said it to Nancy -- where did we find them -- after hearing them all evening. And the answer came to me as quickly as I'd asked the question.

I have only repeated it or told this with regard to incidents of that kind. But believe me, it fits today. Where do we find such people as you? And the answer is just as it was with those others -- where we've always found them, the product of the freest, the most generous, the greatest social structure that has ever been devised by man. Just the product of Main Street, and the farms, and the cities and towns of America.

All of you, God bless you all for reaffirming what this country is all about. Thank you. (Applause.)

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

December 10, 1984

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES CITATION CEREMONY

Room 450
Old Executive Office Building

11:04 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. And if you haven't been welcomed already, and I'm sure you have, welcome to the White House. We claim this building over across the street, too. (Laughter.)

You know, when this grand building was built, volunteer effort was an everyday part of our national life. Farmers would travel miles to help out with a barn-raising. Food was distributed to the needy by churches and volunteer groups. And when someone fell ill, he would, more than likely, be cared for by his neighbors. For decades, this shining tradition of volunteerism help to give life in America a sense of security and warmth.

Yet, in recent years, I think we must admit that the focus on volunteer efforts began to fade somewhat. Too many began expecting big government to perform tasks that could have been done more efficiently and with greater humanity by the private sector. In many cases, billions of dollars were spent on government programs that failed to do any lasting good.

The American people saw what was happening and when George Bush and I were elected, they gave us a mandate which we interpreted as end the waste and, wherever possible, shift the focus away from the slow-moving labors of the bureaucrats back to the caring and efficient efforts of the people themselves.

I treasure one story -- an experience that happened before I came here. There was a gentleman whose Social Security payments stopped coming. And when he inquired, they said he was dead. (Laughter.) He said he wasn't. (Laughter.) Finally -- you know, when a computer makes a mistake, it's a mistake. Finally, he went in person and informed that there he was, in the living flesh. And the computer said he was dead and there wasn't anything he could do.

He'd been without the payments. He was destitute. And they, at least, thank heaven, there was someone there that turned to volunteerism in a way. They temporarily solved his problem while they went to work to try and solve it permanently. They gave him the Social Security funeral allowance to tide him over. (Laughter.) (Applause.)

Well, repeatedly, I've tried to use this bully pulpit to stress the importance of volunteer efforts. And throughout government, we've urged the formation of partnerships between the public and private sectors. One of our most important steps was the establishment of our White House office of Private Sector Initiatives headed by our fine director, Jim Coyne; and the Private Sector Advisory Committee -- or Council, a council that's made up of private citizens dedicated to encouraging volunteer efforts across the country.

The members of the council and their Chairman, Bob Galvin, of Motorola, I know are with us today. And I want to thank you all for your outstanding work. Over the past four years, all these efforts have had a powerful effect.

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Between 1980 and 1983, for example, total giving in our country rose by 35 percent to a record \$64.9 billion. And that number happens to be greater than the Gross National Product of over -- more than half of the nations of the world.

Last year alone, the United Way campaign collected almost \$2 billion, making 1983 the best year for that campaign in almost three decades. And last year was the third consecutive year that the increase in giving was higher than the inflation rate. And as Bob Galvin and his fellow members can tell us, the private sector Initiatives Advisory Council has found the American people are ready and eager to lend a hand.

The Council has been able to create outstanding programs like partnerships in education under which nearly 16,000 American schools have formed partnerships with businesses and professional organizations. The summer jobs program this last summer provided hundreds of thousands of young people with their first employment. And a direct dynamic initiative in Grenada under which more than one and a half million dollars has been committed, in Grenada, by private American concerns since the people of that island were set free.

Over the past four years, the American people have gained new confidence in themselves and a new optimism about our nation's future. At the same time we've rekindled an old ember of openness and generosity. And now we Americans are giving our time, money, and skills to good causes with renewed joy and dedication.

And today, it's our privilege to highlight two initiatives that would help to carry the spirit of American voluntarism even further.

First, National Care and Share Day, December 15. On this date, Americans from Maine to California will contribute food to be shared with those in need. Groups ranging from the Salvation Army to the Grocery Manufacturers of America have generously agreed to take part. And I understand that in thousands of grocery stores across the country, collection centers will be set up for shoppers who want to make donations.

I signed the proclamation naming this date in the holiday season National Care and Share Day so that we could help to make this part of the year truly a time of good will toward all. And I urge every American to participate.

May I add one personal thought? In light of the tragedy in Ethiopia, last week I signed an order releasing 300,000 tons of wheat to the developing countries of Africa and South Asia. I know that private American efforts have already done much to help the needy around the world, especially in Ethiopia. And I would hope that on National Care and Share Day, Americans would once again remember those nations that are less fortunate than our own.

Second, we're here to kick off a major new awards initiative called the President's Citation Program for Private Sector Initiatives. Businesses and associations on my advisory council will be able to fly the new "C Flag" and let the world know the program's motto, "We can, we care."

Now, everybody from Chicago knows that "C" stands for Cubs. But in this case it stands for something else -- commitment. Often when we discuss voluntarism we concentrate on the efforts of individuals. But each year, business and professional associations show just as much of that national quality, commitment, donating millions of dollars and thousands of hours.

The aerospace industry, for example, is assembling "Tech-net". That's a network of funding and personnel that helps to harness new technology on behalf of the disabled.

Safeway Stores, Incorporated, has long been involved in volunteer efforts, from support of Easter Seals to taking a major hand in promoting the National Care and Share Day and helping launch the Young Astronaut Program.

GTE has sponsored the Gift Program. That's Growth Initiative For Teachers to help train math and science teachers.

And D.C. Comics, Incorporated, has produced comic books that teach children the dangers of drug abuse.

Permit me to give you one more example, and this one is a little close to my heart. Some months ago, I devoted my Saturday radio talk to the problem of missing children. It so happened that Jim Kerrigan, Chairman of the Trailways Bus Company, heard that talk, and on the following Monday, called the White House to say that Trailways would like to help. Working with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Trailways put together a program where once a missing child was identified by local police, the youngster could ride home on a Trailways bus for free.

Perhaps you're wondering how much time passed between Jim's phone call and the first child's ride on a Trailways bus. It was ten days.

You know, I can't help thinking how long it would have taken and how many millions of taxpayers' dollars would have been spent if the program had been put together by a federal agency. (Laughter.)

Again and again, America's business and professional associations have shown this outstanding level of commitment. And the "C Flag", modeled on the famous "E Flag" of World War II, has been designed for them.

Across the country, businesses and associations with community involvement projects will be urged to register them with our Private Sector Initiatives DataNet, and when the projects are registered, the businesses and associations will be able to fly "C Flags" with pride. Of the companies that qualify for "C Flags" each year, 100 with outstanding programs will be selected for Presidential citations. And of these each year, 30 will receive a Presidential medal.

Now, these citations and medals we hope will become sought after, spurring businesses and professional associations on to even greater efforts. And, as more and more "C Flags" snap in the breeze across our land, all Americans will be reminded of the vital role that our private sector plays in helping so many.

To those representatives of the first companies to receive "C Flags", my heartfelt congratulations. You're helping to show that Uncle Sam is back and standing tall, and he knows how to bend over and lend a helping hand.

And now I would like to unveil the first "C Flag" and present it to Peter Ueberroth for his leadership in the Olympics, a private sector initiative of unparalleled success, and on behalf of all the businesses which made the Olympics possible.

So thank you and God bless you all. (Applause.)

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The Congressional Award is a wonderful way for us to help our young people learn the challenges which face our communities and our nation. It is very much in keeping with the goals set by this administration regarding private sector initiatives.

Ronald W. Reagan
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Our nation has no more valuable a resource than our youth. The Congressional Award encourages every generation of Americans to work together for the greatness of our nation, to make it a better place in which to live and to preserve the freedom and democracy that all of us hold so dear.

Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
THE SPEAKER
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Except for the Congressional Medal of Honor, this is the only Award presented in the name of the Congress of the United States. We, in Congress, who had the opportunity to participate in the founding of the Congressional Award, recognize the value and promise of young men and women of our country. This is our salute to their initiative, achievement and service.

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
MAJORITY LEADER
UNITED STATES SENATE

Men and women make extraordinary sacrifices to win in the Olympic Games. An award means something far greater than just the form of the particular award. It reminds us that sacrifice and discipline, effort, hard work and precision can make us winners, victors or masters in any field. This is what the Congressional Award does. Its purpose is to encourage the young people of our time to give of themselves and to seek to excel in whatever field they may choose.

Robert C. Byrd
MINORITY LEADER
UNITED STATES SENATE

Through the Congressional Award program, we'll honor future great Americans by acknowledging their achievements as young people. The Award is a tribute to what they can do, as much as it is acknowledgement of what they have done.

Robert H. Michel
MINORITY LEADER
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Congressional Award establishes a real avenue of communication between the young and members of the Congress and provides an opportunity for cooperation between this country's older and younger generations to achieve worthwhile goals.

We talk a great deal about national service and duty. It is also appropriate that we provide national recognition for youth who aspire to the challenge of achieving character and high standards of excellence through self-development and voluntary service.

Malcolm Wallop
UNITED STATES SENATOR
WYOMING

We, in Congress, have the responsibility to offer leadership and challenges to our young people so that the fast pace of change in our society does not undermine our deepest and most respected moral values. The Congressional Award gives national recognition, on behalf of the Congress, to the positive voluntary public service and personal leadership accomplishments of our youth.

James J. Howard
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
3RD DISTRICT - NEW JERSEY

Encouraging the creative development of positive talents in our young citizens is in the highest tradition of our democracy, and is a process that can only benefit these young people and ultimately the nation.

It is appropriate and significant that this important program is initiated and sponsored by the Congress. However, it will not cost the federal government a penny, as it is totally funded by the private sector.

Carl D. Perkins
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
7TH DISTRICT - KENTUCKY

President Lincoln, in the shortest speech that he or any president ever gave, said, "I have been asked to raise this flag and this I will do. After I have raised it up, it will be for the people to keep it up."

The Congressional Award symbolizes that spirit in its partnership between the Congress, the leaders of the private sector and the people. It is a noble cause, in the national interest, that will develop character, leadership, volunteerism and citizenship in the young men and women of America.

Jennings Randolph
UNITED STATES SENATOR
WEST VIRGINIA

I feel certain the success of this program in Minnesota will be multiplied throughout the country. The Congressional Award program is an investment in our future, and I don't believe there is a finer way to involve the youth of America in working for the good of our country.

Dave Durenberger
UNITED STATES SENATOR
MINNESOTA

The successful development of the Congressional Award is inspirational. It is an outstanding example of dedication to the strengths of our nation and patriotism.

Rudy Boschwitz
UNITED STATES SENATOR
MINNESOTA

Too often the headlines only speak of those who are not concerned about their communities. Without volunteers, the many services we depend upon to make this the best country in the world would be unavailable.

Congressional Award participants have unselfishly chosen to do something on their own time for others. Their efforts should not go unrecognized.

Timothy J. Penny
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
1ST DISTRICT - MINNESOTA

The success of our country will rest with tomorrow's leaders. The degree to which these future leaders succeed will depend upon our commitment to the ideas and hopes that are embodied in the Congressional Award program. I am proud to be a participant in this effort because it emphasizes the goals which I believe are paramount in our society - individual freedom and the pursuit of excellence.

Vin Weber
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
2ND DISTRICT - MINNESOTA

The Congressional Award is an idea of its time. I look forward to my interested young constituents participating in the Congressional Award challenge.

Bill Frenzel
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
3RD DISTRICT - MINNESOTA

Too often, young adults do not receive the encouragement and national recognition they deserve for their achievements and worthwhile voluntary contributions. The Congressional Award is an individual, non-competitive program where each young person is challenged to achieve goals, within a time limit. It provides all members of Congress with a great opportunity to reward tomorrow's leaders for making a difference in their communities and being the best that they can be.

Bruce F. Vento
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
4TH DISTRICT - MINNESOTA

Cooperation between Congress and the private sector to improve the well being of communities will produce successful results. The Congressional Award participants provide a fine example for other young people in the community to reach for high goals in the future.

Martin O. Sabo
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
5TH DISTRICT - MINNESOTA

Each young person's challenge of meeting individually designed goals leads to the personal development of citizenship and leadership skills.

I am proud to be part of the Congressional Award program and urge all my young constituents to meet the Congressional Award challenge.

Gerry Sikorski
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
6TH DISTRICT - MINNESOTA

The strength of the people can be measured by the spirit and drive of its younger generation. The Congressional Award is a challenge to young people to demonstrate their initiative, achievement and community involvement and is a sound measure of our younger generation's mettle. National recognition should also be clear for the parents and mentors who instill the basic values that Award recipients will demonstrate.

Arlan Stangeland
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
7TH DISTRICT - MINNESOTA

The Congressional Award program will help young people recognize their full potential, and by doing so, will become a positive force in the community. I will give all possible support to the development of the program in my district, the state and our nation.

James L. Oberstar
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
8TH DISTRICT - MINNESOTA

The partnership between Congress and the private sector is the foundation for the success of the Congressional Award.

We commend the adult volunteers, youth agency leaders, teachers, community and public service organizers who have unselfishly given of themselves and their resources to encourage and guide our young people toward their Congressional Award goals. The inspiring accomplishments of young people who earn Congressional Awards will motivate others to accept the Congressional Award challenge.

It is an honor for us, on behalf of the Congress of the United States, to salute the initiative, achievement and voluntary service of our young people.

Members
THE MINNESOTA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

The Congressional Award began in Minnesota and is a signal to people nationwide that we are leaders. This program enables young people to select a goal and achieve it. What's most exciting to me is that when this is over with, we will all say, "There's a person that showed leadership." We will pass the mantle on to youth to do it next. That's really an exciting thing for Minnesota's future, and for our nation's future.

The Honorable Albert H. Quie
FORMER GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA

The Congressional Award can be another way of recreating a sense of mission with our young people, and perhaps along the way, a lot of us older people. There's nothing more inspiring than seeing the quality, idealism and the tremendous untapped potential come forward among our youth through their response to the Congressional Award.

I am proud that the program has clear and evident bipartisan support. This program truly has no losers. Every one of our young people who participates can be able to experience the tremendous satisfaction of achieving their goals. I, for one, am committing myself, my administration and more importantly, the people of St. Paul, whom I represent, to make this program work.

George Latimer
MAYOR OF ST. PAUL
MINNESOTA

The Congressional Award is a cause that should be very attractive to the people in the corporate world. The National Board's desire to provide a national basis for the Congressional Award is a magnificent goal. The program will be a powerful force for good in the lives of young people and also recognize those who work with them for the betterment of our country, now and in the future.

John G. McMillian
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
NORTHWEST ENERGY COMPANY

History is being made. The Congressional Award is being carried out through cooperation between the leaders of Congress and leaders in the private sector. On behalf of those of us in the private sector who serve the Congressional Award, I can promise our members of Congress that they will be very proud of what will happen as a result of this initiative. I ask that they evaluate our activities by one standard only - results.

W. Clement Stone
Chairman of the Board
COMBINED INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

A program that encourages youth to set goals and provides incentive to motivate them to achieve those goals is certainly one I support wholeheartedly. People too often have an idea of what they want, but don't know how to achieve their goals. They then become frustrated at not being an instant success. My hope is this program will succeed in educating and teaching young adults to dream, plan and accomplish positive ambitions.

Mary Kay Ash
Chairman of the Board
MARY KAY COSMETICS, INC.

I believe the program and the ideas which it seeks to project and encourage can be a real contribution to a better America.

R. Heath Larry
Former President
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS

One of the many interests of Chamber of Commerce executives concerns the development of tomorrow's leaders. The Congressional Award is a program which furthers this critical aspect of America's future by promoting in our young people those ideas of self-motivation, individual enterprise and initiative that form a vital ingredient of our national character.

On behalf of ACCE, let me say that we believe wholeheartedly in the goals of this program. They encourage the pursuance of high standards of personal excellence that must be a hallmark for our nation's children as well as for those of us who hope to favorably influence the growth patterns of the future.

David Cooley
President
AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVES

The Congressional Award was established with strong bipartisan support. Its purpose is to encourage initiative, achievement and excellence in young people, ages 14 to 23, and to recognize their accomplishments with a Bronze, Silver or Gold Congressional Award medal. I support these goals and will be glad to help establish a Colorado Congressional Award program.

William L. Armstrong
UNITED STATES SENATOR
COLORADO

We have no more precious resource than our youth. The Congressional Award program should be commended for its efforts to focus and foster their hopes and aspirations.

Gary Hart
UNITED STATES SENATOR
COLORADO

The Congressional Award represents a positive force in the lives of youth and will provide the national recognition these young people deserve for their achievements.

Timothy E. Wirth
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
2ND DISTRICT - COLORADO

I believe the quality of character of Colorado's young people will equal that of any state in the nation. Your program to recognize the achievements of these outstanding junior citizens is long overdue and you are to be congratulated for advancing the mandate of the Congress.

Hank Brown
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
4TH DISTRICT - COLORADO

As an early supporter of the legislation which established the Congressional Award, PL 96-114, I am optimistic that it will successfully meet its goals of encouraging initiative, achievement and excellence in America's young people. This Award program, which receives no federal funding, should be very beneficial for both the individual youths who participate, and for the community as a whole. You have my support.

Ken Kramer
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
5TH DISTRICT - COLORADO

I believe that the Congressional Award, with its emphasis on voluntary public service, youthful exploration and fitness and the development of varied interests, addresses a growing need in America today.

Richard D. Lamm
GOVERNOR OF COLORADO

I give my support to the establishment of the Congressional Award in the State of Colorado. Your program is a tremendous opportunity for young people to receive recognition for voluntary leadership, creativity and achievement. I look forward to working with you.

W. H. McNichols, Jr.
Former President-U.S. Conference of Mayors
MAYOR, CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

The Congressional Award concept complements a number of the educational issues that are critical to the success of our students.

I support the establishment of the Congressional Award in Colorado, as the educational objectives are exemplary and will provide reinforcement for the goals advocated for the youth of Colorado.

Calvin M. Frazier
Commissioner of Education
COLORADO

The Chamber of Commerce values programs which recognize outstanding achievements by youth. We support your initiative on the Congressional Award.

John A. Keever
Executive Vice President
DENVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The obvious beneficial impact which the Congressional Award program can have in the coming years is such that it certainly merits support--not just the kind of support embodied in routine resolutions, but in the form of personal commitment. I hope you'll call on me if I can be of help in any way.

Jack G. Swenson
Executive Vice President
ROCKY MOUNTAIN OIL & GAS
ASSOCIATION, INC.

I am pleased to endorse the national program of the Congressional Award. It is a proven program of stimulating self-development, community service and leadership. There is a vast potential in our young people. It needs to be encouraged and developed in as many ways as possible. I feel it will be a worthwhile addition to the opportunities and responsibilities that young people gain through their participation in the scouting and exploring program of the Boy Scouts of America.

James L. Tarr
Chief Scout Executive
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Our purposes in working with 30,000 teenage members are consistent with the intent of the Congressional Award. We are interested in and support your program. Please let us know how we can help and cooperate in the implementation of the Congressional Award throughout our country.

Lewis D. Hamburger
International Program Director
B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION

We are most supportive of your self-help and goal-setting program that welds the objectives and interests of older and younger generations into a common purpose. The Congressional Award will stimulate the positive development of youth and provide much needed national recognition of outstanding leadership and citizenship.

William R. Bricker
National Director
BOYS CLUBS OF AMERICA

The Congressional Award is another positive step to bring the adult world to a closer positive interface with this country's greatest natural resource, our young people. Junior Achievement endorses your efforts to focus on a national program to recognize young people for outstanding accomplishments and to build within them a realization of the true concern that exists for their attainment of knowledge and achievement from the adult segment of our population.

Allen Kirtley
Vice President of Programs
JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT, INC.

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports enthusiastically endorses the goals of the Congressional Award and pledges all possible support to the establishment of the national program. The physical fitness component complements the objectives of the PCFS and will enhance the exercise and sports participation habits of all Americans for the purpose of improved health and quality of life.

C. Carson Conrad
Executive Director
THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL
FITNESS AND SPORTS

This is an excellent activity involving the young men and women of our nation. The goal-setting aspects of your Award program are certainly in line with our YMCA purposes. We support this program and the recognition it will bring to many young people throughout our nation.

Solon B. Cousins
Executive Director
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE YOUNG MEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Congressional Award provides a most desirable model and goal for the young people of this country and I am happy to be included in the list of organizations which support this program.

Henry W. Taft
Past President
OUTWARD BOUND, INC.

It is the feeling of the American Camping Association that the program would be a worthwhile incentive for young people in the nation, and that there would be many opportunities for voluntary service and personal growth for individuals attending our member camps. We support and commend your efforts.

Alan J. Stolz
National Legislation Chairman
AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION

We of the NAACP have a deep and continuing concern for the growth and development of our youth, as they represent tomorrow's society and its leaders. It is my hope that a dynamic and creative program will evolve and I am convinced that our own NAACP Youth and College Division would be able to actively and effectively participate in the Congressional Award through its units across the country.

Benjamin L. Hooks
Executive Director
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

The National Urban League is pleased to extend its support for the Congressional Award. Public service and personal leadership are necessary qualities that should be cultivated and applauded when deemed outstanding.

Ronald H. Brown
Vice President, Washington Operations
NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, INC.

We feel the Congressional Award is a fine idea that sets up realistic and achievable goals for America's youth.

We are supportive of the purpose of the Congressional Award program because we, as a department, work directly with youth. We also feel that there is a real need to provide an avenue of contact between our elected representatives and the young people of our country.

Walter G. Davis
Director
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AFL - CIO

The Future Farmers of America is engaged in providing incentives for young people who are preparing themselves for careers in the industry of agriculture. We believe strongly in the recognition of young people for their activities and programs. The Congressional Award program is designed to encourage young people to develop their leadership and citizenship capacities, and to recognize them for their achievements. The FFA would encourage this type of activity for all young people, nationwide.

C. Coleman Harris
National Executive Secretary
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The Congressional Award program, like Citizenship Education, is based upon the assumption that the future of our society is dependent upon our youth -- the positive commitment of youth to the realization and maintenance of our democratic society. Both seek to motivate and engage our young people in positive voluntary service to these ends. Surely, there is no goal more important for the future of our democratic society.

Mary Ann Kirk
Executive Director
CENTER FOR CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

There are young people throughout the country who, on a daily basis, contribute energy and vitality to this country, and the Congressional Award will serve as a great way of rewarding that effort.

I am particularly interested in the aspect of the program that encourages communication between the young, members of Congress and government leaders. Perhaps the most interesting part of my experience with students from around the country is that which comes through the dialogue that takes place with our government officials. There is much to be learned by both sides.

Margery Kraus
Vice President
THE CLOSE UP FOUNDATION

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers (National PTA), representing a membership of over six and one half million, is pleased to support the Congressional Award program for young Americans. We are child advocates and find some of our operating principles inherent in the Congressional Award. Civic responsibility, constructive leisure and human relations are priorities that we endorse.

Grace Baisinger
President
NATIONAL CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The entire National Council of State Committees for Children and Youth heartily endorses the Congressional Award program. Your activity, which seeks to encourage participation and initiative, which takes young people seriously and gives credit for service where such credit is due, has our backing and support.

Michael J. Garanzini
President
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE COMMITTEES
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Our Board of Directors wholeheartedly endorses your Congressional Award program as one of value to the total educational experiences of youth.

Edward P. Keller
Executive Director
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Never in the history of the nation has it been so imperative for our young men and women to aspire to higher goals for themselves, their family and their country. The need is great for national recognition of outstanding young Americans whose performance and conduct portray the positive values of good citizenship. One hundred fifty thousand high school athletic coaches and their National Association are very pleased to give an enthusiastic endorsement of the Congressional Award project.

Carey E. McDonald
Executive Director
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COACHES
ASSOCIATION

As an advocate for children and youth, we are pleased that this Award will encourage America's youth to reach high standards of achievement in public service, personal interests, physical fitness and expeditions. It will surely provide much needed positive reinforcement for the youth of our nation.

Gary Marx
Executive Director
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATORS

We know that hundreds of thousands of young Americans are eager for challenges and ready to put their enormous energies and abilities to work. The Congressional Award should capture those imaginations, and it certainly complements career-oriented programs such as ours.

Your program is a holistic approach to the development of the individual. Success in life means more than academic achievement; it requires leadership, problem solving and interpersonal skills and "hands on" learning through community involvement experiences. We strongly support your initiative and the recognition it will bring to many worthy young people across this country.

Edward D. Miller
President and Chief Executive Officer
FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

With emphasis on voluntary public service, youthful exploration and fitness, and development of varied interests, the Congressional Award program certainly addresses a growing need in America today.

The United States Jaycees encourages young Americans to involve themselves in the Congressional Award and its well-directed path to a stronger nation and a better world through services to others and attention to one's own need to learn and expand.

Barry L. Kennedy
Past President
UNITED STATES JAYCEES

We believe very strongly in the recognition of excellence and encourage programs designed to give recognition to deserving people, of any age. The Congressional Award objective of promoting "youthful initiative, achievement and excellence in the areas of expedition fitness, personal creative development and public service" is an objective we support.

R. P. "Reg" Merridew
International Secretary
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

The legitimation and prestige provided by Congressional auspices can but enhance the meaning and purpose of the Award. It proposes to cover a very critical age group, whose problems with respect to entering America's mainstream--whether they center on entrance to the labor force or matriculation for higher education--are intense.

We, therefore, urge adoption of the Congressional Award concept and program, and encourage our friends and constituents to give full support to its implementation.

Reverend Jesse L. Jackson
National President
OPERATION PUSH, INC.

The Congressional Award is designed to appeal to all of our youth, whatever their background, rich or poor. The best thing we can do with these young people is give them a chance, communicate to them about their opportunities and give them the same confidence to develop initiative that was given to each of us.

John Y. Brown, Jr.
GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY

It is our belief the Congressional Award is a tremendous opportunity for young people to receive recognition for leadership, creativity and achievement. In addition, it offers a challenge to them to learn by participation, through voluntary service, personal activities and physical fitness.

Young people are our nation's most precious resource. The Congressional Award will provide a vehicle through which America can recognize those youth who will carry the torch of the future, for us all.

Julian M. Carroll
Former Chairman
NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

The Congressional Award is aimed at stimulating young people to achieve, to learn the discipline of applied voluntary effort, to seek physical fitness, to innovate and persevere.

There are 37 million people between the ages of 14 and 23, who are in the difficult period that marks transition from childhood to the adult world. This program is aimed at helping them establish a model of life, an approach to problems and to be recognized for dedication and diligence.

The Honorable John J. Rhodes
Partner
CUMMINGS & LOCKWOOD

The Congressional Award has the strength of working with, and through, established national agencies and does not duplicate the services of existing programs. Its goal is to provide opportunities for young people to work together on constructive projects of common interests. Your program will recognize leadership, excellence and citizenship and improve the quality of life for youth in a diverse world society.

Fred C. Lickerman
Executive Director
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF KEYSTONE
YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Conventional academic education provides for formal qualifications, but young people need more than that in their preparation for a full and rewarding life. The Congressional Award challenges young people to make the difficult transition to adulthood. It is an attempt to restore the balance between education for work and education for life.

His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip
Patron
THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

United Way organizations and its thousands of youth-serving agencies are deeply committed to building the character of American youth. Our future as a humane and caring society depends upon how much we invest in our young people today. The Congressional Award program recognizes this responsibility by providing opportunities for youth to serve their community and their nation.

William Aramony
President
UNITED WAY OF AMERICA