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INTRODUCTION. MAYOR SCHAEFER, GOVERNOR
HUGHES, AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS WELCOME. IT'S GREAT TO BE
HERE IN THE HOME OF THE BALTIMORE ORIOLES.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I ALWAYS
GET A CHILL UP AND DOWN MY SPINE WHEN I SAY
THE PLEDGE. I HOPE EVERYONE HERE WILL JOIN
ME AND AMERICANS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHEN
WE PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE TONIGHT AT 7:00/
AND REAFFIRM OUR THANKFULNESS, LOVE,
AND LOYALTY TO OUR BLESSED AND BEAUTIFUL
LAND.

THIS FLAG WE SALUTE TODAY IS A REPLICA
OF ONE THAT FLEW THROUGH THE NIGHT 171 YEARS
AGO DURING THE BOMBARDMENT OF FORT MCHENRY
SIGNALING DEFIANCE TO THE BRITISH AND HOPE
AND INSPIRATION TO FRANCIS SCOTT KEY.

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THE SECOND WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, THE CRUCIAL TEST OF OUR YOUNG REPUBLIC AS IT FOUGHT FOR ITS LIFE AGAINST WHAT WAS THEN THE STRONGEST NATION ON EARTH. BY THE END OF THE SUMMER OF 1814, THE BRITISH HAD ALREADY TAKEN OUR CAPITAL AND BURNED THE WHITE HOUSE.

BALTIMORE WAS THE NEXT TARGET IN THEIR GRAND

DESIGN TO DIVIDE OUR FORCES AND CRUSH THIS NEWLY INDEPENDENT NATION OF UPSTART COLONIES. ALL THAT STOOD BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND BALTIMORE — ALL THAT STOOD BETWEEN AMERICA AND DEFEAT — WAS THIS FORT AND ITS GUNS, BLOCKING THEIR ENTRY INTO

THE BRITISH FLEET OF WAR SHIPS MOVED WITHIN 2 MILES OF THE FORT AND BEGAN A BOMBARDMENT THAT WAS TO LAST FOR 25 HOURS.

BALTIMORE HARBOR.

THROUGH THE DARK HOURS OF THE NIGHT,

THE ROCKETS FIRED AND THE BOMBS EXPLODED,

AND A YOUNG AMERICAN PATRIOT NAMED KEY,

HELD CAPTIVE ABOARD A BRITISH SHIP,

WATCHED ANXIOUSLY FOR SOME SIGN, SOME PROOF,

THAT LIBERTY WOULD PREVAIL.

MORNING — IN THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT —
HE LOOKED OUT AND SAW THE BANNER STILL
FLYING — A LITTLE TATTERED AND TORN AND
WORSE FOR WEAR — BUT STILL FLYING PROUDLY
ABOVE THE RAMPARTS. FORT MCHENRY AND THE
BRAVE MEN MANNING IT HAD WITHSTOOD THE
ASSAULT. BALTIMORE WAS SAVED. THE UNITED
STATES THIS GREAT "EXPERIMENT" IN HUMAN
FREEDOM. AS GEORGE WASHINGTON DESCRIBED IT,
WOULD ENDURE.

THINKING BACK TO THOSE TIMES,

ONE REALIZES THAT OUR DEMOCRACY IS SO STRONG
BECAUSE IT WAS FORGED IN THE FIRES OF
ADVERSITY.

IN THOSE DARK DAYS OF THE WAR IT MUST HAVE
BEEN EASY TO GIVE IN TO DESPAIR. IT TRULY
WAS A PERILOUS NIGHT FOR OUR NEW NATION.
BUT OUR FOREFATHERS WERE MOTIVATED BY
SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THEMSELVES. FROM THE
HARSH WINTER OF VALLEY FORGE TO THE BLAZING
NIGHT ABOVE FORT MCHENRY. THOSE PATRIOT
SOLDIERS WERE SUSTAINED BY THE IDEAL OF
HUMAN FREEDOM.

THROUGH THE HARDSHIPS AND THE SETBACKS,/
THEY KEPT THEIR EYES ON THAT IDEAL AND THAT
PURPOSE, JUST AS, THROUGH THE SMOKE OF
BATTLE, THEY KEPT A LOOKOUT FOR THE FLAG.

FOR WITH THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION, THE CAUSE
OF HUMAN FREEDOM HAD BECOME FOREVER TIED TO
THAT FLAG AND ITS SURVIVAL.

AS THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC GREW AND PROSPERED AND NEW STARS WERE ADDED TO THE CONSTELLATION OF STATES THE IDEAL OF FREEDOM GREW AND PROSPERED.

AS OUR COUNTRY SPREAD ACROSS THE CONTINENT,/
MILLIONS OF THE DISPOSSESSED,/
THE PERSECUTED, THE TIRED, HUNGRY, AND POOR,/
FLOCKED TO OUR SHORES, AND THE HUMAN
ENERGIES UNLEASHED IN THIS LAND OF LIBERTY
WERE LIKE THOSE NEVER BEFORE SEEN IN THIS
WORLD.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS OF KENTUCKY TO THE SHORES OF CALIFORNIA, TO THE SEA OF TRANQUILITY ON THE MOON, OUR PIONEERS CARRIED OUR FLAG BEFORE THEM, A SYMBOL OF THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF A FREE PEOPLE.

AND LET US NEVER FORGET THAT IN HONORING OUR FLAG, WE HONOR THE MANY AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE COURAGEOUSLY FOUGHT AND DIED FOR IT OVER THE LAST 200 YEARS, PATRIOTS WHO SET AN IDEAL ABOVE ANY CONSIDERATION OF SELF, AND WHO SUFFERED FOR IT THE GREATEST HARDSHIPS. OUR FLAG FLIES FREE TODAY

BECAUSE OF THEIR SACRIFICE.

TODAY WE MARK THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE FIRST FLAG DAY CEREMONY. IT WAS A SMALL
AND MODEST CEREMONY, HONORING THE
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF OUR FLAG,
A "FLAG BIRTH DAY," AS THEY CALLED IT,
CONDUCTED BY A YOUNG SCHOOLTEACHER AND HIS
STUDENTS AT THE STONY HILL SCHOOL IN
WISCONSIN. THAT TEACHER'S NAME WAS
BERNARD (SEE-GRAND), AND THROUGH HIS
SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS HE HELPED ESTABLISH THE
NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF FLAG DAY.

HIS GRANDDAUGHTER, MRS. (EL-ROY-A SEE-GRAND)
BROWN, IS WITH US TODAY TO HELP US
CELEBRATE. CONGRATULATIONS, MRS. BROWN.

WE HAVE A FEW OTHER DISTINGUISHED

RELATIVES WITH US TODAY — THE GREAT, GREAT,

GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

MRS. ELIZABETH BLUNT WAINWRIGHT AND HER

TWO SONS, ANDREW AND PETER.

MRS. WAINWRIGHT, IT'S BEEN MANY YEARS SINCE YOUR ANCESTOR WROTE THE STIRRING POEM THAT HAS BECOME OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.

NOW, WITH THAT SAME SPIRIT OF SELF-RELIANCE,
A PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVE CALLED THE
PATRIOTS OF FORT MCHENRY HAS BEEN FORMED TO
REFURBISH THIS HISTORIC MONUMENT. I COMMEND
THE INGENUITY AND PATRIOTISM OF THE BUSINESS
AND CIVIC LEADERS THAT ARE UNDERTAKING THIS
IMPORTANT EFFORT.

AS WE MARK THIS 100TH "FLAG BIRTH DAY,"

THE IDEALS FOR WHICH OUR FLAG STANDS STILL

CHALLENGE OUR NATION. TODAY, AS BEFORE

WE STRIVE TO REACH THE FULL POTENTIAL OF

FREEDOM. BUT FOR TOO LONG THERE HAS BEEN

ONE THING THAT HAS LOCKED IN THAT POTENTIAL

AND HINDERED OUR DEVELORMENT. THAT IS A TAX

SYSTEM THAT HAS GROWN TOO COMPLICATED

TOO UNFAIR, TOO INEFFICIENT AND HAS DOGGED

THE HEELS OF OUR PROGRESS.

OUR PRESENT TAX SYSTEM HAS NOT ONLY SLOWED AND DISTORTED OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / IT HAS BEGUN TO ERODE THE FAITH AND TRUST ON WHICH FREE INSTITUTIONS DEPEND. IT IS A BASIC BELIEF IN AMERICA THAT EVERYONE DESERVES A FAIR BREAK AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE NATURALLY LOSING PATIENCE WITH A SYSTEM THAT THEY SEE AS UNFAIRLY REWARDING A FEW AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MANY. (AND) MOST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE PUT UP WITH A TAX SYSTEM THAT WORKS AT SUCH CROSS PURPOSES WITH THE AMERICAN DREAM A SYSTEM WHOSE HIGH PERSONAL RATES PUNISH SUCCESS / AND WHOSE COMPLEX RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING BUSINESS SEEM DESIGNED TO STIFLE THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE.

WELL, TODAY WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO PUT
THINGS RIGHT, TO CREATE A SYSTEM THAT IS
FAIRER, SIMPLER, AND THAT OPENS WIDE THE
DOOR OF THE AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY SOCIETY SO
THAT ALL OF OUR CITIZENS CAN WALK THROUGH.

AS ALWAYS, THERE ARE THE VOICES OF DEFEAT THAT COUNSEL SURRENDER EVEN WHILE THE BATTLE IS HARDLY BEGUN, BUT THEY ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN. AMERICA IS UNITED ON THIS ISSUE AS ONE THAT TRANSCENDS PARTISANSHIP AN ISSUE ON WHICH BOTH PARTIES CAN COME TOGETHER AND DO WHAT IS SELF-EVIDENTLY RIGHT FOR AMERICA.

THE GREAT AMERICAN "EXPERIMENT" IN
FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY HAS REALLY JUST BEGUN.
CELEBRATIONS SUCH AS THIS REMIND US OF THE
TERRIBLE HARDSHIPS OUR FOREFATHERS WILLINGLY
ENDURED FOR THEIR BELIEFS, AND THEY
CHALLENGE US TO MATCH THAT GREATNESS OF
SPIRIT IN OUR OWN TIME. THESE ANNIVERSARIES
REMIND US THAT FREEDOM IS NOT A RESTING
PLACE, BUT A CONSTANT GOAL SPURRING US ON TO
EVER GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS.

AMERICA HAS ALWAYS RECOGNIZED OUR
HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD THE MARCH OF
FREEDOM.

SINCE OUR REVOLUTION -- (THE FIRST DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION) -- AND THE FOUNDING OF OUR REPUBLIC AMERICA HAS BEEN A HOPE AND INSPIRATION TO THE OPPRESSED AND TYRANNIZED THE WORLD OVER IN THE STORM-TOSSED HISTORY OF OUR GLOBE. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN A STRONG AND STEADY RUDDER HOLDING THE WORLD FAST TO THE COURSE OF DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS.

THAT PROGRESS HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN EASY/
AND THERE HAVE BEEN MANY SETBACKS ALONG THE
WAY. IN MY LIFETIME, THE WORLD HAS SUFFERED
THE AGONY OF THE TWIN, INHUMAN IDEOLOGIES OF
NAZISM AND COMMUNISM. BUT TODAY, FREEDOM IS
RISING. AROUND THE GLOBE, FREEDOM IS TAKING
ROOT AND GROWING STRONG. OVER 90 PERCENT OF
THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRIES TO OUR SOUTH NOW
LIVE IN DEMOCRACIES OR COUNTRIES THAT ARE
CONFIDENTLY MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION.

EL SALVADOR, BESET BY TERRORISTS SUPPORTED
BY THE COMMUNIST REGIME IN NICARAGUA/
HAS COME SECURELY THROUGH ITS OWN PERILOUS
NIGHT/ AND ITS DEMOCRATIC FLAG STILL PROUDLY
WAVES OVER A FREE LAND. THE DEMOCRATIC
NATIONS OF COSTA RICA AND HONDURAS HAVE ALSO
SUFFERED FROM YEARS OF ARMED COMMUNIST
SUBVERSION AND, (RECENTLY) FROM OUTRIGHT
MILITARY ATTACKS BY NICARAGUA. BUT THE
COMMUNISTS' BULLYING TACTICS HAVE ONLY
BOLSTERED THE DETERMINATION OF THE
DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS TO
DEFEND THEIR FREEDOM.

FREEDOM IS THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE.

IN THOSE COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD WHERE

THE TYRANTS STILL HOLD SWAY, NEW RESISTANCE

MOVEMENTS ARE GAINING MOMENTUM.

IN NICARAGUA, ANGOLA, AFGHANISTAN, AND CAMBODIA, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS NOW FIGHT FOR THEIR FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

THEY FIGHT FOR THE SAME IDEALS THAT INSPIRED OUR FOREFATHERS THOUGH THE TYRANTS THEY BATTLE ARE INCOMPARABLY MORE RUTHLESS.

STILL, THE POWER AND JUSTICE OF THEIR CAUSE IS SUCH THAT EVEN DESPITE SOMETIMES OVERWHELMING ODDS MANY OF THESE REBEL MOVEMENTS CONTINUE TO GAIN RECRUITS AND GROW IN STRENGTH.

SO TODAY, FREEDOM'S STORY IS STILL
BEING WRITTEN. THE BRAVE DEFENSE OF FORT
MCHENRY BY OUR PATRIOT ARMY WAS ONE OF ITS
FIRST CHAPTERS BUT THE STORY WILL CONTINUE
AS LONG AS THERE ARE TYRANTS AND DICTATORS
WHO WOULD DENY THEIR PEOPLE THEIR
UNALIENABLE RIGHTS TO "LIFE, LIBERTY,
AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS."

EVERY TIME WE PLACE OUR HAND OVER OUR HEART AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG, WE WILL BE REMINDED THAT OUR MOST PRECIOUS INHERITANCE IS FREEDOM, AND THAT HISTORY HAS BESTOWED ON OUR NATION THE UNIQUE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS PROTECTION.

WHEN THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF FORT
MCHENRY COMMISSIONED THE ORIGINAL "STAR
SPANGLED BANNER," THE ONE THAT WAS LATER TO
BRING SO MUCH HOPE TO FRANCIS SCOTT KEY/
HE ORDERED ONE THAT WOULD BE IN HIS WORDS
SO LARGE THAT "THE BRITISH WILL HAVE NO
DIFFICULTY IN SEEING IT FROM A DISTANCE."
TODAY, THE FLAG WE SO PROUDLY HAIL STILL
SENDS A MESSAGE TO ANY DISTANCE THAT THE
SPIRIT OF A FREE PEOPLE IS UNCONQUERABLE
AND THAT OUR DEMOCRATIC NATION WILL ALWAYS
REMAIN "THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME
OF THE BRAVE."

THANK YOU ALL. GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

(DOLAN)

JUNE 14, 1985

"C FLAG" AWARD CEREMONY

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WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE ALL OF YOU HERE TODAY. BECAUSE THIS IS THE LAST FORMAL EVENT INVOLVING THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES. I WANT TO BEGIN BY EXPRESSING MY DEEP PERSONAL GRATITUDE TO EACH OF YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THIS TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT, HISTORY-MAKING EFFORT. AND A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS IS IN ORDER TO BOB GALVIN. THE ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO BILL TAYLOR AND THE CITATION PROGRAM SPONSORS WHO MADE THIS AWARDS PROGRAM POSSIBLE. AND TO JOHN PHELAN AND THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

I KNOW WORDS LIKE "HISTORY-MAKING" OR "HISTORIC" GET THROWN AROUND A LOT IN THIS CITY BUT LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT IN THIS CASE THOSE WORDS ARE MORE THAN JUST WASHINGTON PUFFERY.

SOME OF YOU HAVE HEARD ME TALK ABOUT

DE TOCQUEVILLE'S REFLECTIONS ON 19TH CENTURY

AMERICA AND HIS ASTONISHMENT AT THE EXTENT

TO WHICH AMERICANS MADE THEIR SOCIETY

WORK — NOT BY RELYING ON GOVERNMENT!

BUT BY HELPING EACH OTHER.

YOU ALL KNOW THAT THIS TRADITION,
ONE OF THE DRIVING ENGINES OF SOCIAL
PROGRESS IN OUR COUNTRY, WAS IN SERIOUS
JEOPARDY SOME YEARS AGO WHEN THE IDEA TOOK
HOLD THAT THE ONLY WAY TO HANDLE A SOCIAL
PROBLEM WAS A HUGE, NEW FEDERAL SPENDING
PROGRAM, AND AN ARMY OF FUNCTIONARIES AND
CONSULTANTS TO ADMINISTER IT.

GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY REACHED GARGANTUAN

SIZE AND BECAUSE NOTHING STIFLES INITIATIVE

AND IMAGINATION LIKE BUREAUCRACY

AMERICA'S SELF-HELP TRADITION LOST MUCH OF

ITS FORCE AND ENERGY.

BUT ANY MODERN-DAY DE TOCQUEVILLE
LOOKING OVER AMERICA TODAY WOULD SEE A
RETURN TO THAT TRADITION AND A REVIVAL OF
THE IDEA WHICH ALL OF YOU EMBODY
THAT COMPASSION WITH INGENUITY WORKS
THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS AND
READY TO HELP EACH OTHER THEY JUST NEED TO
BE ASKED.

I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I TELL A
LITTLE STORY THAT I THINK HAS SPECIAL
PERTINENCE. BACK IN MY EARLY DAYS IN RADIO,
WE HAD A SOUND-EFFECTS MAN IN THE STUDIO AND
HE HAD A WHEELED CART AND ON IT HE HAD
EVERY KIND OF DEVICE IN THE WORLD FOR RADIO
DRAMAS FROM COCONUT SHELLS THAT HE BEAT
ON HIS CHEST TO BE A GALLOPING HORSE
TO CELLOPHANE HE COULD CRUMPLE FOR A FIRE
AND SO ON. ONE DAY WE HAD A PLAY THAT
CALLED FOR THE SOUND OF WATER FALLING ON A
BOARD.

WELL, THIS POOR FELLOW, DURING ALL THE
REHEARSALS HE WAS WORKING — HE TRIED RICE
ON A DRUM HE TRIED DRIED PEAS ON A PIECE OF
CARDBOARD HE TRIED EVERYTHING
AND NOTHING WOULD GIVE HIM THE SOUND OF
WATER ON A BOARD. AND FINALLY ONE DAY HE
TRIED WATER ON A BOARD. AND IT SOUNDED JUST
LIKE WATER ON A BOARD.

IN A WAY, THEN, THAT'S WHAT ALL OF YOU HAVE DONE; THE SIMPLE AND OBVIOUS THING THAT HAD SOMEHOW BEEN FORGOTTEN. YOU JUST WENT TO PEOPLE, YOU ASKED THEM TO LEND A HAND, AND YOU DISCOVERED THAT'S JUST THE QUESTION THEY NEEDED TO HEAR.

AND BECAUSE YOU DID, YOU'VE HELPED

CHANGE AMERICA. YOUR PROJECTS HAVE RANGED

FROM CHILD SAFETY AWARENESS TO FOOD BANKS,

JOB TRAINING, NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION,

AND SCORES OF OTHER PROGRAMS IN ART,

ECOLOGY, AND EDUCATION, AND SERVICES FOR THE

ELDERLY.

THERE IS A GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT OUT THERE THAT JUST CAN'T BE STOPPED.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, TOM EVANS AND HIS EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPONSORED A SYMPOSIUM ON PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATION. CLOSE TO 500 PEOPLE CAME TO WASHINGTON TO TALK ABOUT CREATIVE WAYS FOR BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS TO WORK TOGETHER.

BECAUSE OF YOUR EFFORTS THE NEW YORK
STOCK EXCHANGE HAS IDENTIFIED PRIVATE SECTOR
INITIATIVES AS AN ISSUE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE
TO CORPORATE AMERICA AND CO-HOSTED THIS
MORNING'S SYMPOSIUM ON EXCELLENCE IN PRIVATE
SECTOR INITIATIVES.

IN ADDITION TO BEING HERE TODAY FOR THIS AWARDS PROGRAM, THERE IS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THAT IT IS FLAG DAY.

LATER I WILL BE OUT AT FORT MCHENRY TO SALUTE THE STARS AND STRIPES.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

THE STARS AND STRIPES FOR INDEPENDENCE AND
THE WORLD WAR II "E" FLAG FOR EXCELLENCE.

AND NOW, AS YOU LOOK AROUND YOU, HERE IN THE
ROSE GARDEN, YOU SEE THE C-FLAG

A SYMBOL OF PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVE THAT
SAYS "WE CAN AND WE CARE."

THOUSANDS OF THESE FLAGS ARE FLYING AROUND THE COUNTRY REFLECTING THE INGENUITY AND COMPASSION OF PEOPLE IN ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PUTTING SOMETHING BACK INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

I WANT TO THANK EACH OF THE WINNERS FOR THEIR ENORMOUS COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, AND PATRIOTISM. I THINK YOU ALL KNOW I COULD GO ON AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS. SAFEWAY STORES PUT PICTURES OF MISSING CHILDREN ON THEIR SHOPPING BAGS, AND WITHIN 2 WEEKS TWO OF THE EIGHT CHILDREN WERE FOUND.

LAST YEAR, OVER 5,600 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION TIME WERE DONATED TO THE SCHOOLS THAT ARCO EMPLOYEES HAVE ADOPTED. S B. DALTON BOOKSELLER HAS LAUNCHED A 4-YEAR NATIONAL LITERACY INITIATIVE ALREADY INVOLVING 375 COMMUNITIES AND 30,000 VOLUNTEERS. THROUGH LISC (THE LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION) BANK-AMERICA FOUNDATION HAS FINANCED 27 DIFFERENT REHABILITATION PROJECTS IN DISTRESSED AREAS. S LAST YEAR, THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROVIDED JOBS FOR OVER 1,000 JUVENILE OFFENDERS THAT EARNED OVER \$350,000 THAT WAS PAID BACK TO VICTIMS IN RESTITUTION. JAND THROUGH ITS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, WESTINGHOUSE BROADCASTING AND CABLE, INC. RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO EXEMPLIFY THE INNATE WILL TO WIN.

WELL, THE LIST GOES ON. I WISH THERE
WERE TIME TO MENTION THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
EVERYONE. I COULDN'T POSSIBLY DO THAT.

BUT WHAT I CAN DO IS THANK YOU

NOT JUST FOR MYSELF BUT — (AS PRESIDENT)—
FOR THE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WHO,

IF THEY HAD THE CHANCE, WOULD WANT TO
PERSONALLY EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE TO YOU.

YOU'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOUR COUNTRY
AND FOR MILLIONS OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN.

YOU'VE HELPED RENEW AND ENRICH AMERICA BY
AWAKENING ONE OF HER OLDEST AND MOST NOBLE
TRADITIONS.

NOW, GIVEN THIS MARVELOUS START,

I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THAT OUR WORK HAS JUST

BEGUN. THE CHALLENGE IS BEFORE US TO MAKE

BETTER USE OF ALL OUR RESOURCES.

WE CAN ONLY DO THIS BY WORKING TOGETHER.

NO ONE SECTOR CAN DO IT ALONE.

THE CRYSTAL TETRAHEDRONS THAT I AM AWARDING TODAY SYMBOLIZE HOW THE FUSION ON THE PRIVATE, PUBLIC, AND NON-PROFIT SECTORS/CAN FORM A SOLID BASE. ONLY BY WORKING TOGETHER AND FINDING SOME PRIVATE SOLUTIONS TO PUBLIC PROBLEMS/CAN WE RESTORE THE STRONG BALANCE NEEDED FOR THE FUTURE HEALTH OF OUR NATION.

OUR COUNTRY IS GREAT BECAUSE IT IS
BUILT ON PRINCIPLES OF SELF-RELIANCE,
OPPORTUNITY, INNOVATION AND COMPASSION FOR
OTHERS. PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES EMBODY
THIS SPIRIT AND ARE A VITAL PART OF THE
NATION'S CHARACTER.

TO EACH OF YOU HERE TODAY WHO HAVE
TAKEN A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN HELPING TO MEET
OUR CHALLENGE, I THANK YOU AND ALL OF
AMERICA THANKS YOU.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

(Gilder/BE)
June 14, 1985
1:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: CIVIL RIGHTS
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1985

My fellow Americans, in less than 3 weeks we'll be celebrating the greatest blow ever struck for the cause of freedom -- the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self-evident," our Founding Fathers proclaimed, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights . . ."

That Declaration inspired our Nation to reach new heights of human freedom, but its promise wasn't complete until we abolished the shame of slavery from our land and -- in the lifetime of many of us -- wrote the civil rights statutes that outlawed discrimination by race, religion, gender, national origin, or color.

Discrimination is still not yet a thing of the past, unfortunately, and for the last 4-1/2 years this Administration has acted vigorously to defend and extend every American's fundamental rights to equal treatment. The Justice Department has worked energetically to end discrimination in employment, voting, housing -- in all the areas covered by law. Our record on enforcing minority voting rights is at the top of the list, and we have increased to an all-time high the number of criminal civil rights cases filed. We have a proud record on civil rights.

The principle that guides us, and the principle embodied in the law, is one of non-discrimination. I'm sure you've all seen

3236275C SP430-21 the statue representing Justice that presides in many of our court rooms -- the woman with the blindfold covering her eyes. Her eyes are covered because true justice should never depend on whether you are rich or poor, or black or white, if you're Hispanic or Asian, or if your ancestors came from Italy, Poland, Latvia, or any other country -- including Ireland, wherever family is from.

Equal treatment and equality before the law -- these are the foundations on which a just and free society is built. But there are some today who, in the name of equality, would have us practice discrimination. They have turned our civil rights laws on their head, claiming they mean exactly the opposite of what they say. These people tell us that the Government should enforce discrimination in favor of some groups through hiring quotas, under which people get or lose particular jobs or promotions solely because of their race or sex. Some bluntly assert that our civil rights laws only apply to special groups and were never intended to protect every American.

Well, they couldn't be more wrong. When the Civil Rights HUBERT Act of 1964 was being debated in the Congress, Senator Humphrey, one of its leading advocates, said he'd "start eating the pages" of the Act if it contained any language which provides that an employer will have to hire on the basis of percentage or quota. I think if Senator Humphrey saw how some people today are interpreting that Act, well, he'd get a severe case of indigestion. The truth is, quotas deny jobs to many who would have gotten them otherwise but who weren't born a specified race

or sex. That's discrimination, pure and simple, and it's exactly what the civil rights laws were designed to stop. Quotas also cast in shadow the real achievements of minorities -- which makes quotas a double tragedy.

In 1980 and 1984, I ran for President and told you I was opposed to quotas. In response to your mandate, our Administration has worked to return the civil rights laws to their original meaning -- to prevent discrimination against any and all Americans. William Bradford Reynolds, the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, has played a key role in that effort. Brad Reynolds is not only a tireless fighter against discrimination, he's a brilliant and dedicated lawyer.

Recently, I nominated Brad Reynolds to be Associate Attorney General, the number three job in the Justice Department. He deserves that promotion. But his nomination is being opposed by some who don't agree with us about civil rights -- by some who favor the discrimination of quotas. Brad Reynold's qualifications and character are impeccable. Indeed, everyone knows Brad Reynolds is a man of integrity and strong ideals; that he's firmly committed to the same vision of a just society that I am. I've nominated Brad Reynolds to carry out my policies -- the policies for which you elected me, the policies that reflect our best principles as a Nation. I am confident that the Senate will confirm him.

Twenty-two years ago, Martin Luther King proclaimed his dream of a society rid of discrimination and prejudice, a society where people would be judged on the content of their character,

not by the color of their skin. That is the vision our entire Administration is committed to, a society that keeps faith with the promise of our Declaration of Independence, a proud society in which all men and women truly are created free and equal under God.

Until next week, thanks for listening and God bless you.

The President has seen

(ROHRABACHER)

JUNE 16, 1985

FATHER'S DAY - BIG BROTHER EVENT MERRY GO ROUND FARM POTOMAC, MARYLAND

THANK YOU. IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE WITH

YOU. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU KIDS SOMETHING:

CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY THAN THE WAY YOU ARE
DOING IT RIGHT HERE. I WANT TO OFFER ALL OF
YOU INVOLVED IN BIG BROTHERS OF THE NATIONAL
CAPITAL AREA MY PERSONAL THANKS AND THE
THANKS OF YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AS
WELL FOR ALL YOU ARE DOING FOR YOUR LITTLE
BROTHERS. WE DON'T LIVE IN ANYWHERE NEAR A
PERFECT WORLD. WITH THE MAN OF THE FAMILY
MISSING A BIG BROTHER CAN MAKE A LASTING
CONTRIBUTION TO A PERSON JUST GETTING
STARTED. THIS KIND OF PERSONAL COMMITMENT
IS GOOD CITIZENSHIP AT ITS BEST.
AND IT SPEAKS VERY HIGHLY OF YOU.

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ALL OF US HAVE SOMEONE WE LOOK BACK ON WITH FOND MEMORIES SOMEONE WHO BEFRIENDED US. WHO OFFERED A HELPING HAND.

PERHAPS IT WAS A TEACHER OR A SCOUT MASTER.

OR THE LOCAL POLICEMAN OR GROCER.

A CARING PERSON WHO WAS A BIG BROTHER BEFORE THERE WERE BIG BROTHERS. HE OR SHE IS A REAL HERO AND THAT'S THE WAY THESE KIDS WILL REMEMBER YOU. THAT'S WORTH MORE THAN MONEY CAN BUY.

AND TEMPTATIONS THAT CAN BE A LITTLE

OVERWHELMING FOR A YOUNGSTER ESPECIALLY ONE

WHOSE FATHER ISN'T AROUND. THIS IS

CERTAINLY THE CASE WITH CHILDREN AND DRUG

ABUSE WHICH HAS BROUGHT HEARTACHE AND

TRAGEDY TO SO MANY. NANCY HAS MADE THIS HER

OWN PERSONAL CRUSADE. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK

THE BIG BROTHERS FOR JOINING IN TO DO

SOMETHING ABOUT IT. OUR GOAL IS NOTHING

LESS THAN A DRUG-FREE AMERICA.

ON THIS SPECIAL DAY WE ALL LOOK BACK AND APPRECIATE THAT SOMEONE IN OUR LIVES WHO GAVE US THE LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT WE NEEDED. FATHERS, AND EVEN BIG BROTHERS. ARE NOT PERFECT PEOPLE BUT THEY CARRY ONE OF THE HEAVIEST RESPONSIBILITIES THERE IS TO BEAR. THE SCRIPTURES TELL US, TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO. AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT. WELL, THAT IS A PRETTY IMPORTANT TASK.

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I WAS ABOUT THE AGE OF SOME OF YOU KIDS HERE TODAY.

SOME PEOPLE MAY THINK THAT WAS BACK WHEN THERE WERE STILL DINOSAURS ROAMING THE EARTH BUT IT WASN'T QUITE THAT LONG AGO. I REMEMBER GOING TO PICNICS NOT SO DIFFERENT FROM THIS ONE TODAY MY BROTHER AND I WOULD GO WITH OUR FATHER.

MY FATHER AS A SUCCESSFUL MAN. HE NEVER
MADE MUCH MONEY AND HE HAD HIS PROBLEMS LIKE
EVERYONE ELSE. BUT HE LOVED HIS FAMILY AND
HE RAISED US UP AS BEST HE COULD.

LOOKING BACK, I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO MY
DAD. THAT IS WHAT THIS DAY IS ABOUT.
HE DID HIS BEST AND ONE DAY HIS LITTLE BOY
GREW UP TO BE PRESIDENT. I'M LIVING PROOF
THAT IN THIS COUNTRY ANY LITTLE BOY OR GIRL
CAN GROW UP TO BE PRESIDENT SO THE JOB OF
MOTHER AND DAD, OR BIG BROTHER, IS ABOUT THE
MOST IMPORTANT ONE AROUND.

IN A FREE COUNTRY LIKE OURS, THE FUTURE WILL BE DETERMINED BY WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE OUR CHILDREN GROW UP TO BE. THIS IS WHY, IN A TIME WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH PRESSURE ON THE FAMILY I THINK THE BIG BROTHERS PROGRAM PLAYS SUCH A VITAL ROLE. WHEN THE FATHER ISN'T AROUND, WHAT THE BIG BROTHERS DO CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN A YOUNG LIFE.

I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO CONGRESSMAN MICKEY LELAND ROBERT ROSENKRANTZ BILL [GAH-LAHNDT] JIM MURPHY AND RANDY SHROY WHO ARE THE BIG BROTHERS OF THE YEAR FOR 1984-85.

ALL OF YOU FELLOWS HAVE MY APPRECIATION

AND RESPECT. ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO GET

PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN ENDEAVORS LIKE THIS

HAS BEEN A MAJOR GOAL OF THIS

ADMINISTRATION. WE CALL THEM PRIVATE SECTOR

INITIATIVES. BUT THERE'S ANOTHER WORD

THAT'S A LOT MORE SIMPLE TO DESCRIBE WHAT

YOU DO IT'S CALLED LOVE. YOU CAN BE

PROUD OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING. I—KNOW THAT

YOUR FATHERS ARE PROUD OF YOU, TOO.

BY HELPING THESE BOYS, YOU ARE PROVING THAT

YOUR FATHERS DID THEIR JOB RIGHT THAT THEY

RAISED CHILDREN WITH GOOD AND DECENT VALUES.

YOUNG PEOPLE. WE LIVE IN A MARVELOUS

COUNTRY A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY. BUT HOW FAR
YOU GO WILL DEPEND ON HOW HIGH YOU SET YOUR
GOALS AND HOW HARD YOU TRY. NOT HAVING YOUR
DAD AROUND WILL MAKE IT A LITTLE TOUGHER FOR
YOU BUT YOUR BIG BROTHER AND A LOT MORE OF
US ARE ON YOUR SIDE. WE LOVE YOU AND WANT
YOU TO GO AS HIGH AND AS FAR AS YOU CAN.
SO DON'T BE SATISFIED WITH SECOND BEST.
AIM FOR THE MOON AND GO FOR IT.

THANKS FOR LETTING ME SHARE THIS NICE DAY WITH YOU. GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

(Rohrabacher/BE)
June 13, 1985
6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FATHER'S DAY-BIG BROTHER EVENT AT MERRY GO ROUND FARM

POTOMAC, MARYLAND SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1985

Thank you. It is a pleasure to be with you. I'd like to ask you kids something: are you having fun today? All right.

I can't think of a better way to celebrate Father's Day than the way you are doing it right here. I want to offer all of you involved in the Big Brothers Program my personal thanks, and the thanks of your friends and neighbors as well, for all you are doing for your little brothers. We don't live in anywhere near a perfect world. With the man of the family missing, a Big Brother can make a lasting contribution to a person just getting started. This kind of personal commitment is good citizenship at its best, and it speaks very highly of you.

All of us have someone we look back on with fond memories, someone who befriended us, who offered a helping hand. Perhaps it was a teacher or a scout master, or the local policeman or grocer -- a caring person who was a Big Brother before there were Big Brothers. He or she is a real hero and that's the way these kids will remember you. That's worth more than money can buy.

Today's young people face challenges and temptations that can be a little overwhelming for a youngster, especially one whose father isn't around. This is certainly the case with children and drug abuse, which has brought heartache and tragedy to so many. Nancy has made this her own personal crusade. And

I'd like to thank the Big Brothers for joining in to do something about it. Our goal is nothing less than a drug-free America.

On this special day, we all look back and appreciate that someone in our lives who gave us the love and encouragement we needed. Fathers, and even Big Brothers, are not perfect people, but they carry one of the heaviest responsibilities there is to bear. The scriptures tell us, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Well, that is a pretty important task.

There was a time when I was about the age of some of you kids here today. Some people may think that was back when there were still dinosaurs roaming the Earth, but it wasn't quite that long ago. I remember going to picnics not so different from this one today. My brother and I would go with our father.

Not many people of our town thought of my father as a successful man. He never made much money and he had his problems like everyone else. But he loved his family and he raised us up as best he could. Looking back, I am deeply grateful to my Dad. That is what this day is about. He did his best and one day his little boy grew up to be President. In this country any little boy or girl can grow up to be President, so the job of mother and dad, or Big Brother, is about the most important one around.

In a free country like ours, the future will be determined by what kind of people our children grow up to be. This is why, in a time when there is so much pressure on the family, I think the Big Brothers Program plays such a vital role. When the father isn't around, what the Big Brothers do can make all the

difference in a young life. I want to give a special congratulations to Robert Rosenkrantz, Bill Gallant, Jim Murphy, and Randy Shroy who are the Big Brothers of the Year for 1984-85.

All of you fellows have my appreciation and respect. Encouraging people to get personally involved in endeavors like this has been a major goal of this Administration. We call them Private Sector Initiatives. But there's another word that's a lot more simple to describe what you do -- it's called love. You can be proud of what you're doing. I know that your fathers are proud of you too. By helping these boys you are proving that your fathers did their job right; that they raised children with good and decent values.

I'd like to leave this thought with you young people: we live in a marvelous country, a land of opportunity. But how far you go will depend on how high you set your goals and how hard you try. Not having your Dad around will make it a little tougher for you, but your Big Brother and a lot more of us are on your side. We love you and want you to go as high and as far as you can. So don't be satisfied with second best. Aim for the moon and go for it.

Thanks for letting me share this nice day with you. Good luck and God bless you all.