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NIU VALLEY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

8th GRADERS

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NOTE: SENATOR DID NOT USE THE TEXT--HE WENT
OFF THE CUFF AND SPOKE.

RECENTLY, AT A STUDENT SEMINAR ON GOVERNMENT,
A YOUNG LADY SAID WITHOUT FANFARE: "SENATOR, OUR NATION
IS GOING TO HELL."

YES, WE DO HAVE PROBLEMS - UNEMPLOYMENT, HIGH INTEREST
RATES AND HIGH COST OF LIVING. AND IF YOU TAKE SOME OF THE
POLITICAL TV ADS AND SPEECHES TOO SERIOUSLY, YOU TOO SHOULD
BE ~~CONCERNED~~ *counseled* THAT OUR NATION IS GOING TO HELL. THERE IS NO
QUESTION THAT ALL IS NOT WELL. TODAY, LET'S BALANCE THE BOOKS.

WE SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE ARE THE
MOST BLESSED OF ~~COUNTRIES~~ **NATIONS**, AND EVEN AS WE SINGLE
OUT THE BLACK PAGES FOR EXAMINATION, WE SHOULD
ALWAYS LOOK AT THE MULTITUDE OF BRIGHT PAGES
THAT COMPRISE THIS NATION'S HISTORY.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH FREELY
GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK OUT AND
CRITICIZE THE GOVERNMENT.

*Less than 1/3 of world's
population*

THE AUTHOR OF OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,

THOMAS JEFFERSON ONCE SAID: "THE SPIRIT OF

RESISTANCE TO GOVERNMENT IS SO VALUABLE ON

CERTAIN OCCASIONS THAT I WISH IT TO BE ALWAYS

KEPT ALIVE. IT WILL OFTEN BE EXERCISED WHEN

WRONG, BUT BETTER SO THAN NOT TO BE EXERCISED

AT ALL."

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH ALLOWS

US TO ADVOCATE CHANGE --

CHANGE WHICH AT TIMES MAY APPEAR TO BE RADICAL
OR EVEN REVOLUTIONARY.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH DOES
as a result policy
NOT BURN BOOKS, BUT, INSTEAD PERMITS US TO

READ ALL BOOKS, EVEN IF THE PROSE BE UGLY, VILE
AND PROFANE.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH PROVIDES
FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION TO ALL THOSE WITH THE
CAPACITY AND ABILITY TO LEARN.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND IN WHICH,
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, OVER ONE-HALF
OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GOING ON TO HIGHER
EDUCATION.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH IS
To help
TRYING ~~NOT TO FORSAKE~~ ITS ELDER CITIZENS AND
PROVIDES THEM WITH MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE
late
IN THEIR ~~AUTUMN~~ YEARS.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH IS TRYING

ITS BEST TO ~~ERADICATE~~ ^{eliminate} FROM ITS MIDST, POVERTY

AND HUNGER AND THE AGE-OLD CURSE OF BIGOTRY

AND DISCRIMINATION.

THE PACE MAY BE SLOW -- BUT WE ARE STEPPING
FORWARD TO OUR GOALS.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHERE THE PEOPLE
ARE FREE TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE THEM
IN THEIR COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHERE EVERY
PERSON, INCLUDING THE CRIMINAL, HAS HIS RIGHTS
PROTECTED IN THE COURTS -- WHERE THE PHRASE
"DUE PROCESS OF LAW" IS A MEANINGFUL AND LIVING
PHRASE.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHERE ONE MAY
PRAY AS HE CHOOSES TO HIS GOD OR GODS, OR NOT

WORSHIP AT ALL.

*Buddhist, Catholic, Mormon,
Muslim, Protestant, Bahai, Jew*

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHERE THE
PROMISE OF SUCCESS AND ADVANCEMENT IS REAL.

AND I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH HAS
PRODUCED MEN AND WOMEN LIKE THOMAS JEFFERSON,
ABRAHAM LINCOLN, SUSAN B. ANTHONY, OLIVER
WENDELL HOLMES, HELEN KELLER, JOHN F. KENNEDY,
AND MARTIN LUTHER KING.

*I could go on & on —
but lets stop here —*

What are the responsibilities
of citizenship -

AND AS WE FACE THE VERY DIFFICULT CHALLENGES

THAT LIE AHEAD, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

1- Obey the laws - if
you disagree, change
them. Consciously

THAT RESILIENCY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF THE

2- Participation in the

AMERICAN CHARACTER. I BELIEVE IT STILL IS

election process -

AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS BOUNCED BACK WHEN BESET

- Our founding father
fought & died for

BY ADVERSITY -- IN BUSINESS, IN OFFICE

the right of representation

- the right to elect their
own leaders.

EXPLORATION, IN ART, IN POLITICAL AND

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

- 1870 - 14th Amend
Blacks vote

- 1920 - 19th Amend
women

1971 - 18 years

- Can't get today - in non-

IT IS TIME WE COMMIT OUR SKILLS, OUR

presented doctors year

INTELLIGENCE, OUR DETERMINATION AND OUR

less than 50%

RESILIENCY TO CURING THE ILLS WE HAVE

③ - The Golden Rule

SPENT THE PAST DOZEN YEARS IN DIAGNOSING.

Do unto others

THIS JOB IS AS MUCH YOURS AS IT IS MINE.

Why -
- angry
at job
- course
one who
has not
effort

WITH CONFIDENCE BORN AND NURTURED BY KNOWLEDGE

AND TRUTH, AND WITH THE COURAGE OF FREE MEN

AND WOMEN, I BELIEVE WE SHALL PREVAIL.