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THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 3, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN CEREMONY TO HONOR
"ACHIEVEMENT AGAINST ALL ODDS"
AWARDS RECIPIENTS

The Rose Garden

3:31 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all. I'm surprised you're so polite. A thousand apologies for keeping you waiting. Senator Kasten and Secretary; glad to see you, Jack, and other members of congress, and other distinguished guests. Again, my official apologies. But at least you had a fair weather in which to wait in this beautiful Rose Garden; look at it that way. But to Secretary Kemp and Bob Woodson, Wayne Hedien, members of the congress, it's great to get outdoors again. (Laughter.)

Perhaps you saw on the news that Millie was hanging around, just over the other side, down in the ivy down there, when something bit her on the nose. I'm not sure if it was a squirrel or a rat, but I had to investigate.

And, of course, anyplace you go here -- I do -- as President, there's a bunch of Secret Service guys following right along. So imagine this -- the seven of us -- (laughter) -- poking around in the hedges, looking for the culprit, when -- you guessed it -- the sprinklers came on. (Laughter.) So, I just want you to know there's a real life inside this magnificent complex.

But look, we're here today because of the leadership of the Allstate Foundation, and the vision of Robert Woodson and the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise.

For years, Bob has opposed the idea that big problems can only be solved by big government solutions. And he believes that no federal program can begin to match the strength of our people and our neighborhoods. And he believes that to fight poverty, crime and despair, we must first empower the powerless. Empower Americans to help themselves. Empower them to help their neighbors. Empower them to become leaders, to make the coming century yet another American century.

And this is, in truth, happening, as the age of the individual dawns around the world, from Moscow to Managua. So let's remember, in this heartland of individualism, our own American tradition of self-reliance and helping others.

While government certainly has a critical role to play, we've been too willing in recent years to look first to Big Brother in Washington for the answers. And we're learning that if there is to be a better future, it must arise in the hearts of the men and women who struggle daily against poverty, and ignorance, and prejudice.

And so we're here today to honor a select few -- could be many of you out there -- but today, we honor a select few who are creating such a future; seven people chosen to receive the first Achievement Against the Odds Award. They're not winning Oscars; they are not recipients of the Pulitzer or the Nobel. But what they have done and what they have achieved is, in truth, every bit as great and

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as beautiful as the work of any actor, artist or scientist. For we have with us today seven men and women who have prevailed over handicap and heartache.

You've heard me speak of the Thousand Points of Light, my expression for that constellation of volunteers who are serving our communities, our cities, our nation, making America just a little better each day through national service. Well, some of those points of light, those shining stars, are with us.

Take Charles Ballard. Which is Charles? Where are we? Right here. An orphan, grew up to be a teen father, chemically dependent, prison inmate. And now he's legally adopted and raised a son; earned a master's degree; founded the Teen Father Program, which helps thousands of teen fathers deal with their responsibilities.

And also Bobby Drayton. There he is. Bobby. He will tell you that he himself was twice victimized, first by epilepsy, and then by an attack of self-pity. But by age 17, he had enough of feeling sorry for himself, and he decided to fight his condition through athletics, becoming one of the toughest competitors on the Howard University gymnasts team. And he also formed and headed youth programs for disadvantaged kids. Like a gymnast on the parallel bars, he balances his success -- his success -- with service to others.

Freddie Garcia. Freddie? Freddie Garcia grew up amid poverty, illiteracy and too much discrimination. And in fact, some of his teachers and students actually managed to convince Freddie that he was a failure. And as so often happens, the prediction became self-fulfilling and he eventually became addicted to drugs, and a criminal.

But then he found his faith. He earned a degree from the Latin American Bible Institute, founded Victory Outreach of Texas -- a Christian-oriented rehabilitation center, which under his leadership, has developed one of the most effective programs in the fight against drug addiction, alcoholism and other life-consuming problems. A man who has come back from the precipice can best warn others of the danger of drugs, and he is such a man. And he's living proof that success is also a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Cheryl Hayes, right there. Cheryl. She's a mother who was dependent on welfare, and much worse, dependent on drugs. And now she's the head of a support group for youth with addicted family members. And she's also working hard with her family to invest 500 hours, Jack, of "sweat equity" in the home she's building with Habitat for Humanity. We congratulate you.

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Each of these seven Americans provides a definition of the word that I've learned to respect so much -- learned from Jack Kemp -- "empowerment." Whether they turned to a higher faith for inspiration or drew deep from strength of their souls, they represent the very best of the survival instinct in all of us, and something more: A yearning to help others -- to be a guiding star to someone who is lost. Indeed, a point of light.

Zane Grey once wrote that: "To bear up under loss, to smile when tears are close, to resist evil men and base instincts to seek ever after the glory and the dream, that is what any man can do, and so be great."

In this way, each of you have achieved greatness -- the kind that brings out the greatness in others.

And now, Bob, let's get on with the show, to the brisk business of presenting these awards. It's all yours. (Applause.)

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3:40 P.M. EDT

GOOD AFTERNOON TO SECRETARY KEMP, BOB WOODSON, WAYNE HEDIEN [HUH-DEAN], AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS (SENATORS BOB KASTEN, HERB KOHL, BOB KERREY, AND REPRESENTATIVES JIM MOODY). ((IT'S GREAT TO GET OUTDOORS AGAIN.\\ PERHAPS YOU SAW ON THE NEWS LAST WEEK THAT MILLIE WAS HANGING AROUND, JUST OVER THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HEDGE HERE -- WHEN SOMETHING BIT HER ON THE NOSE. NOW I'M NOT SURE IF IT WAS A SQUIRREL OR A RAT, BUT I JUST HAD TO INVESTIGATE.

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((AND, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW THAT WHENEVER I GO ANYWHERE, ABOUT A HALF DOZEN SECRET SERVICE AGENTS FOLLOW RIGHT ALONG.\\ SO IMAGINE THIS -- THE SEVEN OF US POKING AROUND THE HEDGES, LOOKING FOR THE CULPRIT, WHEN\\ . . . YOU GUESSED IT\\ . . . THE SPRINKLERS CAME ON.\\ \\ So, MILLIE -- GIRL, FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.))\\ \\

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EMPOWER THEM TO HELP THEIR NEIGHBORS.

EMPOWER THEM TO BECOME LEADERS, TO MAKE THE COMING CENTURY YET ANOTHER AMERICAN CENTURY.

THIS IS, IN TRUTH, HAPPENING, AS THE AGE OF THE INDIVIDUAL DAWNS AROUND THE WORLD, FROM MOSCOW TO MANAGUA. SO LET US REMEMBER, IN THIS HEARTLAND OF INDIVIDUALISM, OUR OWN AMERICAN TRADITION OF SELF-RELIANCE AND HELPING OTHERS.

WHILE GOVERNMENT HAS A CRITICAL ROLE TO PLAY, WE'VE BEEN TOO WILLING IN RECENT YEARS TO LOOK FIRST TO BIG BROTHER IN WASHINGTON FOR ANSWERS. WE ARE LEARNING THAT IF THERE IS TO BE A BETTER FUTURE, IT MUST ARISE IN THE HEARTS OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO STRUGGLE DAILY AGAINST POVERTY, IGNORANCE AND PREJUDICE.

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO HONOR A SELECT FEW WHO ARE CREATING SUCH A FUTURE; SEVEN PEOPLE CHOSEN TO RECEIVE THE FIRST ACHIEVEMENT AGAINST THE ODDS AWARD.

THEY ARE NOT WINNING OSCARS; THEY ARE NOT RECIPIENTS OF THE PULITZER OR NOBEL PRIZES. BUT WHAT THEY HAVE DONE -- WHAT THEY HAVE ACHIEVED -- IS, IN TRUTH, EVERY BIT AS GREAT AND BEAUTIFUL AS THE WORK OF ANY ACTOR, ARTIST OR SCIENTIST. FOR WE HAVE WITH US TODAY SEVEN MEN AND WOMEN WHO PREVAILED OVER HANDICAP AND HEARTACHE.

YOU'VE HEARD ME SPEAK OF THE THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT -- MY EXPRESSION FOR THAT CONSTELLATION OF VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR CITIES, OUR NATION, MAKING AMERICA A LITTLE BETTER EACH DAY THROUGH NATIONAL SERVICE. WELL, SOME OF THOSE SHINING STARS ARE HERE TODAY.

*** TAKE CHARLES A. BALLARD. AN ORPHAN, HE GREW UP TO BECOME A TEEN FATHER, CHEMICALLY DEPENDENT AND A PRISON INMATE.

NOW CHARLES HAS LEGALLY ADOPTED AND RAISED HIS SON; EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE; AND FOUNDED THE TEEN FATHER PROGRAM, WHICH HELPS THOUSANDS OF TEEN FATHERS DEAL WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

*** ALSO WITH US IS BOBBY DRAYTON, WHO WILL TELL YOU THAT HE WAS TWICE VICTIMIZED, FIRST BY EPILEPSY, THEN BY SELF-PITY. BUT BY AGE 17, BOBBY HAD ENOUGH OF FEELING SORRY FOR HIMSELF.

HE DECIDED TO FIGHT HIS CONDITION THROUGH ATHLETICS, BECOMING ONE OF THE TOUGHEST COMPETITORS ON THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY GYMNASTICS TEAM. BOBBY DRAYTON ALSO FORMED AND HEADED YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR DISADVANTAGED KIDS. LIKE A GYMNAST ON THE PARALLEL BARS, BOBBY BALANCES HIS SUCCESS WITH SERVICE TO OTHERS.

*** FREDDIE GARCIA GREW UP AMID POVERTY, ILLITERACY AND DISCRIMINATION.

IN FACT, SOME OF HIS TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ACTUALLY MANAGED TO CONVINCe FREDDIE THAT HE WAS A FAILURE. AND, AS SO OFTEN HAPPENS, THE PREDICTION BECAME SELF-FULLING. FREDDIE EVENTUALLY BECAME ADDICTED TO DRUGS, A CRIMINAL.\\\

BUT THEN HE FOUND HIS FAITH, EARNED A DEGREE FROM THE LATIN AMERICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE, AND FOUNDED VICTORY OUTREACH OF TEXAS -- A CHRISTIAN-ORIENTED REHABILITATION CENTER WHICH, UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, HAS DEVELOPED ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION, ALCOHOLISM AND OTHER LIFE-CONSUMING PROBLEMS.

A MAN WHO HAS COME BACK FROM THE PRECIPICE CAN BEST WARN OTHERS OF THE DANGERS OF DRUGS. FREDDIE IS SUCH A MAN. HE IS LIVING PROOF THAT SUCCESS IS ALSO A SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY.

*** CHERYL HAYES IS A MOTHER WHO WAS DEPENDENT ON WELFARE, AND MUCH WORSE, DEPENDENT ON DRUGS. NOW SHE'S THE HEAD OF A SUPPORT GROUP FOR YOUTH WITH ADDICTED FAMILY MEMBERS.

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*** OR CONSIDER KATHLEEN SMALLWOOD JOHNSON, WHOSE FATHER WAS MURDERED WHEN SHE WAS FOURTEEN, AND MOTHER WAS MURDERED WHEN SHE WAS SIXTEEN. SO AT AN AGE THAT FOR MOST OF US IS THE MOST CAREFREE TIME OF OUR LIVES, KATHLEEN BECAME THE HEAD OF HER FAMILY.

BUT SHE RAISED HER THREE BROTHERS AND SISTERS. SHE RE-ENTERED COLLEGE AND GRADUATED. SHE'S NOW A SUCCESSFUL ATTORNEY, AND A MOTHER TO HER LATE SISTER'S THREE CHILDREN AND TWO CHILDREN OF HER OWN, AND STILL HAS TIME TO SERVE HER COMMUNITY.

*** BRAD LINNENKAMP CALLS HIMSELF "PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED" BECAUSE HE CHALLENGES CEREBRAL PALSY WITH A TENACITY MOST OF US CAN ONLY IMAGINE. BRAD VOLUNTEERS AND NOW WORKS FULL-TIME AS A COUNSELOR.

HE HAS NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT HIS OWN PROBLEMS BECAUSE HE'S TOO BUSY CARING FOR OTHERS WHO ARE IN GREATER NEED THAN HIMSELF.

*** AND FINALLY, THERE IS VIVIANNE S. THOMPSON. SHE IS A WHEELCHAIR-BOUND SINGLE PARENT. BUT VIVIANNE DIDN'T LET THAT HOLD HER BACK. SHE OFTEN CONFRONTS THE BARRIERS, SOME OF CONCRETE, OTHERS OF CULTURE, THAT FENCED-IN SO MANY DISABLED AMERICANS.

AS AN ANTI-POVERTY LEADER IN BOSTON, SHE ALSO HELPED ESTABLISH THE FIRST HEAD START CLASS FOR SEVERELY DISABLED HANDICAPPED LOW-INCOME CHILDREN.

EACH OF THESE SEVEN AMERICANS PROVIDES A DEFINITION OF THE WORD "EMPOWERMENT." WHETHER THEY TURNED TO A HIGHER FAITH FOR INSPIRATION, OR DREW DEEP FROM THE STRENGTH OF THEIR SOULS, THEY REPRESENT THE VERY BEST OF THE SURVIVAL INSTINCT IN ALL OF US, AND SOMETHING MORE: A YEARNING TO HELP OTHERS -- TO BE A GUIDING STAR TO SOMEONE WHO IS LOST, TO BE A POINT OF LIGHT.

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CONGRATULATIONS. NOW, BOB, LET'S GET TO THE
BUSINESS OF PRESENTING THESE AWARDS.

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[[BOB WILL INTRODUCE EACH RECIPIENT, YOU WILL PRESENT
MEDALS.]]

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON 1530 MAY -1 PM 6:27

May 1, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: MARK DAVIS

SUBJECT: ACHIEVEMENT AGAINST THE ODDS

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From POTUS

Davis/Martin
May 1, 1990
Title: Odds
Draft: Three

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Thursday, May 3, 1990, 3:00 P.M.**

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*** Take Charles A. Ballard. An orphan, he grew up to become a teen father, chemically dependent and a prison inmate. Now Charles has legally adopted and raised his son; earned a Master's degree; and founded the Teen Father Program, which helps thousands of teen fathers deal with their responsibilities.

*** Also with us is Bobby Drayton, who will tell you that he was twice victimized, first by epilepsy, then by self-pity. But by age 17, Bobby had enough of feeling sorry for himself. He decided to fight his condition through athletics, becoming one of the toughest competitors on the Howard University gymnastics team. Bobby Drayton also formed and headed youth programs for disadvantaged kids. Like a gymnast on the parallel bars, Bobby balances his success with service to others.

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Congratulations. Thank you all, God bless you and may God bless America.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ACHIEVEMENT AGAINST THE ODDS

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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Draft: Three

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RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

Davis/Martin
April 24, 1990

Title: Odds

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COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: LEE S. LIBERMAN *LSL*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Achievement Against the Odds Remarks

Counsel's Office has no legal objections to the draft remarks.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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April 30, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT: "Against the Odds" Draft

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(This wider, thematic perspective would not work with every "attaboy" event, however. We don't recommend it with winning sports teams, the presentation of the national turkey, or the Harlem Globetrotters -- although come to think of it, the latter have their own global dimensions).

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 04/27/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 6:00 p.m. Monday 04/30

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ACHIEVEMENT AGAINST THE ODDS
(04/24 Draft two)

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, 04/30, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE: *4/30
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 no comment
 on Daniel Cass
 and Juan Bolestrini
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James W. Cicconi
 Assistant to the President
 and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
 Ext. 2702

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April 24, 1990
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**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: ACHIEVEMENT AGAINST THE ODDS, ROSE GARDEN
Thursday, May 3, 1990 ((Time))**

((Acknowledgements: Robert Woodson, etc.))

((It's great to get outdoors again.\\ Perhaps you saw on the news last week that Millie was hanging around, just over the other side of the hedge here -- when something bit her on the nose. Now I'm not sure if it was a squirrel or a cat, but I just had to investigate.

((And, of course, you know that whenever I go anywhere, about a half dozen secret service agents follow right along.\\ So imagine this -- the seven of us poking around the hedges, looking for the culprit, when\\ . . . you guessed it\\ . . . the sprinklers came on.\\ So, Millie -- girl, from now on, you're on your own.))\\

We are here today because of the leadership of the Allstate Foundation, and the vision of Robert Woodson and the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise.

For years, Bob has opposed the idea that big problems can only be solved by big government solutions. He believes that no federal program can begin to match the strength of our people and our neighborhoods. He believes that to fight poverty, crime and despair, we must first empower the powerless.

Empower Americans to help themselves.

Empower them to help their neighbors.

Empower them to become leaders, to make the coming century yet another American century.

This is, in truth, happening, as the age of the individual dawns around the world, from Moscow to Managua. So let us remember, in this heartland of individualism, our own American tradition of self-reliance. While government has a critical role to play, we've been too willing in recent years to look first to faceless bureaucracies in Washington for answers. We are learning that if there is to be a better future, it must arise in the hearts of the men and women who struggle daily against poverty, ignorance and prejudice.

We are here today to honor a select few who are creating such a future; seven chosen out of twenty thousand to receive the first Achievement Against the Odds Award. They are not winning Oscars; they are not recipients of the Pulitzer or Nobel Prizes. But what they have done -- what they have achieved -- is, in truth, every bit as great and beautiful as the work of any actor, artist or scientist. For we have with us today seven men and women who prevailed over handicap and heartache.

*** Take Charles A. Ballard. An orphan, he grew up to become a teen father, chemically dependent and a prison inmate. Now Charles has legally adopted and raised his son; earned a Master's degree; and founded the Teen Father Program, which helps thousands of teen fathers deal with their responsibilities.

*** Also with us is Bobby Drayton, who will tell you that he was twice victimized, first by epilepsy, then by self-pity. But by age 17, Bobby had enough of feeling sorry for himself. He decided to fight his condition through athletics, becoming one of the toughest competitors on the Howard University gymnastics team. Bobby Drayton also formed and headed youth programs for disadvantaged kids. Like a gymnast on the parallel bars, Bobby balances his success with service to others.

*** Freddie Garcia grew up amid poverty, illiteracy and discrimination. In fact, some of his teachers and students actually managed to convince Freddie that he was a failure. And, as so often happens, the prediction became self-fulfilling. Freddie eventually became addicted to drugs, a criminal.\\\

But then he found his faith, earned a degree from the Latin American Bible Institute, and founded Victory Outreach of Texas - - a Christian-oriented rehabilitation center which, under his leadership, has developed one of the most effective programs in the fight against drug addiction, alcoholism and other life-consuming problems. A man who has come back from the precipice can best warn others of the dangers of drugs. Freddie is such a man. He is living proof that **success is also a self-fulfilling prophesy.**

*** Cheryl Hayes is a mother who was dependent on welfare, and much worse, dependent on drugs. Now she's the head of a support group for youth with addicted family members. And she's

also working hard with her family to invest 500 hours of "sweat equity" in the home she is building with Habitat for Humanity.

*** Or consider Kathleen Smallwood Johnson, whose father was murdered when she was fourteen, and mother was murdered when she was sixteen. So at an age that for most of us is the most carefree time of our lives, Kathleen became the head of her family.

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11:55 am 4/30

To: Anne Case

Herewith per our

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