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June 7, 1999

The Honorable Damon J. Keith  
Circuit Judge  
United States Court of Appeals  
for the Sixth Circuit  
U.S. Courthouse  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Judge Keith:

Thank you for your recent letter. I will be happy to provide any assistance I can regarding the Presidential Medal of Freedom. You are most deserving and I am flattered that you have written me. Enclosed is my letter to the President.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Bennett

Enclosure

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June 7, 1999

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to support the recommendation that Circuit Court Judge  
Damon J. Keith receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

When I last attended the impressive ceremony for the awarding of this  
prestigious medal, my good friend Joseph L. Rauh, was the recipient. Like Joe  
Rauh, Judge Keith has been a dedicated champion of constitutional and civil rights  
and stands for what is best in America.

I hope you will look favorably on his receiving the Medal which he so  
richly deserves.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Bennett



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General Counsel

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| Dear Phil: |

I thought you might be  
interested in this recent article  
about Secretary Bortsov.

Thanks for all your help.  
Ed.

# The Senator gets tribute, appropriately so

**T**HEY'RE going to pay tribute to the honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr. Friday.

Good.

The Children's Defense Fund could not have chosen a better person to honor than the former senator from Texas and onetime secretary of the Treasury.

He is a splendid person who also has been an outstanding public servant. Indeed, the Senator, with a capital S, as he ever will remain in a lot of minds, is the antithesis of all the awful things many use in speaking of politicians and officeholders.

It used to be the most popular words used to describe Bentsen were "cool" and "patrician," fair terms for his distant appearance.

But, to quote my ragtag self from a decades-old piece on the Senator, he is more, much more than that.

"Lloyd Bentsen is the ultimate refinement of the stereotypical Texan.

"He is tall and handsome and soft-spoken — with a genuinely sexy voice.

"He is terrifically reserved with that refreshing self-abasing sense of humor so common to his generation of Texans with ties to the land.

"He is successful, he is wealthy, he is reasonably happy.

"He is polite — courtly actually — and competent and deliberate and tough. Very tough."

I long have told people the Senator is the only person I've ever known who could break arms over the telephone. That is a remarkable political skill, one that paid off about a jillion times for the people Bentsen was serv-

ing — be they Texans during his three-plus terms as their Democratic senator or Americans, and most of the rest of the world, during his stint as secretary of the Treasury in Bill Clinton's initial Cabinet.

Indeed, Bentsen is one of those known as the rarest of the rare. He won election to the Senate as a conservative Democrat — defeating, by the way, a liberal Dem incumbent and, then, Republican George Bush, the one who's been president. During his career, he succeeded in pretty well pleasing folk of all political ilk.

Bentsen is a fiercely independent guy and enormously self-disciplined — a combination that gives him the upper hand in all his many dealings. When you combine those traits with his delightful sense of whimsy, you can understand how he managed to marry the absolute love of his life.

He adores his wife — to the extent he took flight training during World War II so he could stay in the states to court the beautiful Conover model in New York, B.A. Longino of Lufkin.

So, the Senator became a much-decorated pilot and a very happily married man. An indication of how much he adores her is the amount of time he cheerfully has spent waiting for her during their marriage.

Other than his wife, Lloyd Bentsen does not like to wait for much of anything. Obviously, he's a pretty driven fellow and hanging loose or sitting unoccupied hardly are his favorite things to do. In fact, more than one political reporter was called upon by his Houston staff to senator-sit when he was home during congressional recesses.

It is not true to say the Senator does not suffer fools gladly. He'll spend eternities explaining the obvious to someone having trouble getting it. He's been known to let inexperienced reporters capture him for political eons as they ask some really dumb questions and start recorded interviews over sev-

eral times. He, however, is not at all inclined to indulge anyone he thinks should know better.

It is fair to say that rarely, if ever, is he as hard on others as he is on himself. The Senator hates to make mistakes. And he absolutely cannot stand for someone to try to push him on a subject he's not convinced is one about which he knows all he needs to know.

He is a great good sport though. You can jive him hard, and usually he'll give back as good — or bad — as he gets. Of course, sometimes he'll just barely smile and kinda look down at you, and you'll know right away how very appropriate it would be for you to shut up. Now.

Not long ago, the Senator had a stroke. At the moment, he's riding around in a wheel chair. It probably makes him madder than hell that he can't get up and go the way he's always done. But, it's OK. He'll soon have figured out the best way to use that vehicle, and, then, God help anyone who dares stand in his way.

It simply is impossible to think of him not responding to a challenge. For one thing, he really does not like to lose. And, he very seldom has.

Look at it this way: Have you ever heard of an organization as good and worthwhile as the Children's Defense Fund honoring a loser?

Lloyd Bentsen hardly needs the certification, but he's got it anyway.

They're honoring the Senator Friday. And that's good. It's good because he is — good at about everything he has tried, or likely ever will try, his hand.

Ely is a Houston Chronicle columnist. (jane.ely@chron.com)

## Bible verse

Ye shall know them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:16



**Jane  
Ely**

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June 8, 1999

Mrs. Hillary Clinton  
Office of the First Lady  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

No living American is more deserving of the honor of receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom than Muhammad Ali.

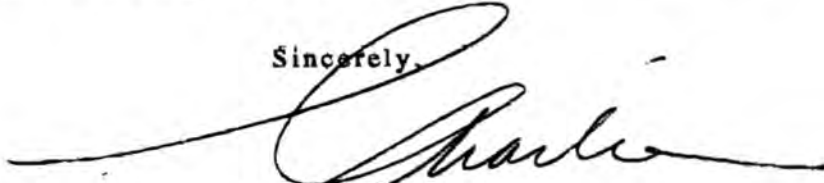
Mr. Ali has long been a great hero and role model to African Americans and to millions of people around the world. More recently, his reputation in the U.S. has taken flight, so that today he is one of the most beloved Americans of any religion, ethnic background or politics.

Last January, I recommended to President Clinton that Mr. Ali be honored with the Medal of Freedom. While I understand the tremendous competition for this honor, I am concerned that we not allow the happenstance of time to deny us the opportunity to honor one of the greatest Americans.

I hope that you will work with me to support Mr. Ali for this award. I can assure you that such an action by President Clinton would be recognized and acclaimed around the world.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
CHARLES B. RANGEL  
Member of CongressCBR/em  
enclosure

cc: Ms. Melanne Verveer

TO: JEAN MALONEY  
FROM: MONA  
RE: MAX KAMPELMAN

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY  
WHERE THINGS STAND  
ON '99 CANDIDATES,  
BUT WILL YOU KEEP  
HIM IN MIND? THX.

① me

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date 12/10

To: Sandy Berger

From: The Staff Secretary

Thanks for the Kampelman  
suggestion.

He was on the list for last  
year but didn't make the final cut.  
I'll look into it for this year.  
but diversity issues will work  
against him (Mitchell, Bentsen)

— Phil



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# United States Institute of Peace

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An independent institution established by Congress to strengthen the nation's capacity to promote peaceful resolution of international conflicts

MONA -  
Remind him  
sometime. Thnx.

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November 24, 1998

The Honorable  
Samuel R. Berger  
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs  
National Security Council  
Old Executive Office Building  
17th Street & Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20504

→ Phil Caplan -  
a good candidate  
for Medal of Freedom:  
US architect of  
Helsinki Final Act  
(1975) laying  
groundwork for end  
to Cold War, arms  
control

Dear Sandy:

As you know, Max Kampelman, who serves as Vice Chairman of our Board of Directors, has spent most of the past year in the hospital recovering from a heart operation -- at times close to death. Miraculously, after months in intensive care Max is now up and around, although still very weak. He did manage to attend the USIP Board meeting and lunch last week.

Some weeks ago Steve Naplan called Tara Sonenshine for some material about Max in preparation for the annual luncheon of the American Academy of Diplomacy, which this year is honoring George Mitchell. (Max is stepping down as Chairman of the Academy Board, and I gather the President is sending a letter to be read at the Academy event with kind words about both Kampelman and Mitchell.)

Separate and apart from the Academy event, would you be supportive of having some kind of Presidential medal for Max Kampelman to be awarded early in 1999? His decades of public service and the strong contribution he has made on issues of arms control, democratization and human rights would seem to me to merit official recognition.

If you agree, I would be happy to work with your staff to arrange an event for Max to receive such an award, either at the White House or here at the United States Institute of Peace. Such an event, by the way, could provide an ideal venue for the Presidential speech on "Peacemaking in the New Millenium" that we have been discussing for some time.

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The Honorable Samuel R. Berger  
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Thank you for considering such an approach to honoring Max and all he has done for our country. Should you decide to pursue it, I would only encourage you to do so while he is strong enough to attend public functions.

With appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Solomon  
President

Melanne Verveer

Shawn -

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THE WHITE HOUSE

June 15, 1999

Hon. Max Cleland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510-1005

Dear Max:

Thank you for your letter supporting the nomination of Benjamin Hardy for the President's Medal of Freedom. I value your recommendation and have forwarded a copy of your letter to appropriate staff for consideration. It was good hearing from you again.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Hillary  
Hillary Rodham Clinton

cc: Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

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**Max Cleland**  
United States Senator  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1005

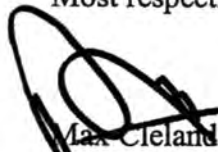
June 4, 1999

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On behalf of my constituent, Benjamin H. Hardy, I was extremely pleased to learn of your kind tribute to his father at a recent USAID ceremony, for his role in creating Point Four. I understand that Mr. Hardy has requested that his fathers be nominated for the Medal of Freedom award. I am proud to write in support of his consideration.

If I can be of any assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Most respectfully,



Max Cleland  
United States Senator

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton  
The First Lady  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

*P. F. Hardy*



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

NANCY PELOSI  
8TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

March 5, 1999

*Seam*  
*How about  
the citizen's  
medal?*  
*John*

John Podesta  
White House Chief of Staff  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear John:

Thank you very much for your note and willingness to follow up on Dr. Wayburn's nomination for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. My staff will also talk with Phil Caplan to see if any additional material is needed.

As I mentioned, Dr. Wayburn is an extraordinary individual and leader in the environmental and health fields. His work with Phillip Burton and Mo Udall in Congress to preserve wilderness in Alaska, California and across the nation is unparalleled. He has also worked throughout the world on environmental and health concerns and has been a lifetime leader in the Sierra Club.

Anything you can do to assist the California Senators and me in recognizing Dr. Wayburn in this important and appropriate way is very much appreciated.

Thank you, again, for your offer of assistance.

best regards,

*Nancy*