

COMMENCEMENT DAY ADDRESS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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I'M DELIGHTED AND HONORED TO BE YOUR COMMENCEMENT DAY SPEAKER FROM THE UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE OF BEING A LIBERAL ARTS GRAD OF OUR UNIVERSITY (CLASS OF '35) WITH A WIFE WHO IS AN MSU ALUMNI (CLASS OF '36). SO TOGETHER, WE CAN REALLY RELATE TO OUR MSU EXPERIENCES AND HOW OUR EARLY MSU EDUCATION AND TRAINING POSITIVELY IMPACTED OUR BUSINESS AND PERSONAL LIVES.

I SUPPOSE AN AMAZING FACT ABOUT OUR BEING HERE TOGETHER IS THAT LAST SEPTEMBER WE OBSERVED OUR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – A ROUSING TESTIMONIAL TO A SPARTAN TRAINED LADY'S SENSE OF HUMOR AND TOLERANCE.

ACTUALLY, I INITIALLY CONSIDERED MYSELF OVERBOOKED IN THIS PRESTIGIOUS ASSIGNMENT OF AN IMPORTANT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER. HOWEVER, MY TREPIDATION WAS SOMEWHAT ASSUAGED BY THE FACT THAT NEITHER MY AMATEUR STANDING AS A PUBLIC SPEAKER NOR THE COLLEGE TREASURY WERE IMPAIRED BY MY APPEARANCE HERE TODAY.

BUT IT IS A SPECIAL TREAT FOR ME TO EXPERIENCE A SEMI-TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO MY AND MY WIFE, MARY'S, BELOVED ALMA MATER. YOU SEE, WE ATTENDED MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE WITH ANNOYING REMINDERS OF OUR HUMBLE, BUT HONEST, BEGINNINGS AS THE MICHIGAN AGGIES. IN OUR TIME,

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WE WERE A NON-CONFERENCE WARM UP TEAM FOR BIG PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES.

MARY AND I RETURNED AS PROUD GRADUATES OF A LARGE, THRIVING UNIVERSITY AND A FORMIDABLE COMPETITOR IN BIG TEN SPORTS.

SO, I'M REALLY GLAD TO BE HERE. I'M ALSO GRATEFUL THAT MY LAST FCC RE-APPOINTMENT CAMPAIGN PLATFORM OF "I STILL HAVE 75% OF MY MARBLES – A GOOD NORM IN WASHINGTON AND DELUSIONS OF ADEQUACY" RECEIVED SUCH WIDESPREAD ACCEPTANCE.

OF COURSE, AS A FUGITIVE FROM THE ACTUARIAL LAW OF AVERAGES, I SHOULD BE GLAD TO BE ANYWHERE. I HAVE OUTLIVED MY NORMAL LIFE EXPECTANCY OF 10 YEARS – A SOURCE OF ANNOYANCE TO SOME IN WASHINGTON.

I STILL LIKE MY STANDARD QUOTE OF THE THREE STAGES IN LIFE – YOUTH, AGE AND THE VERY FINAL STAGE "YOU LOOK GREAT!" I FEEL GREAT BUT I DON'T TAKE OUT THREE YEAR SUBSCRIPTIONS OR STORE GREEN BANANAS AND I'M GRATEFUL THAT MY PHYSIOLOGY HASN'T CAUGHT UP WITH MY CHRONOLOGY.

ALSO AS YOU ADVANCE FROM THE GOLDEN YEARS TO THE MORE ADVANCED PLATINUM YEARS (OVER 80) YOU FEEL AN URGENCY TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH IN RELIGION. I DEVELOPED A MUCH STRONGER ECUMENICAL SENSE. I NOW PERSONALLY ACCEPT ALL RELIGIONS BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BLOW AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME KIND OF MERCIFUL ETERNAL SALVATION ON A RELIGIOUS TECHNICALITY.

WHEN I STAND IN FINAL JUDGMENT I'LL MENTION THAT I HAVEN'T MISSED AN OFFICIAL FCC MEETING OR AN AWARD IN 23½ YEARS AS FCC COMMISSIONER AND CHAIRMAN.

I'LL ALSO MENTION THAT I RECEIVED AN HONORARY DOCTOR'S DEGREE AND TWO DIFFERENT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS FROM MY ALMA MATER.

BUT I WON'T MENTION THAT AFTER MY FIRST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD, THE COMMUNICATIONS DEAN INFORMED ME "WE WERE THINKING OF SHOWING A TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR COLLEGE GRADES AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR MEDIOCRE STUDENTS.

FORTUNATELY FOR ME, DR. JOHN HANNAH, THEN THE LEGENDARY PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF MSU, CAME TO MY RESCUE WITH "WE REMEMBER JIM. HE SPENT MORE TIME ON THE COLLEGE NEWSPAPER AND RADIO STATION THAN IN CLASS."

IT IS TRUE THAT I GAINED MORE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE ON THE NEWSPAPER AND AS THE FIRST COLLEGE NEWSCASTER ON WKAR RADIO (1934). BUT IN SEEKING A JOB UPON GRADUATION, MY OVERALL ACADEMIC RECORD WAS AN EMBARRASSMENT. THE LONE SAVING GRACE WAS THAT I NEEDED A STRONG STRAIGHT A AVERAGE IN THE LAST TERM TO HAVE ENOUGH CREDIT POINTS TO GRADUATE. I PROMPTLY GAVE GRADES A PRIMARY PRIORITY. I ASKED THE PROFESSORS TO INFORM ME ANY DAY MY PERFORMANCE FELL BELOW A. I FINALLY MADE IT. PROFESSOR LINTON, A GREAT TEACHER AND HUMANE EDUCATOR, WAS ONE OF THE PROFESSORS WHO GAVE ME AN "A" IN A

PRIME FIVE HOUR COURSE. SO EVERY TIME I PASS THE LINTON BUILDING, YOU WILL SEE ME WITH A RESPECTFUL BOW AND THUMBS UP IN LOVING MEMORY OF PROFESSOR LINTON.

INCIDENTALLY, YOU MAY SEE ME CROSSING MYSELF OR BLOWING A KISS WHEN I PASS THE IMPRESSIVE OLIN MEDICAL CENTER ON CAMPUS:

FORTUNATELY FOR ME, DR. OLIN WAS A GREAT HUMANITARIAN AS WELL AS AN EXPERT DOCTOR.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE RULES ARE NOW, BUT BACK THEN IF YOU EXCEEDED THE NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE CLASS CUTS, YOU WERE AUTOMATICALLY AND SUMMARILY DISCHARGED FROM COLLEGE.

I MISCALCULATED THE NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE CUTS AND FOUND MYSELF AUTOMATICALLY THROWN OUT OF COLLEGE – RIGHT DURING MY FLOURISHING COLLEGE NEWSPAPER AND RADIO CAREER.

I MADE AN EMERGENCY CALL ON DR. OLIN – HE SAID, “JAMES, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU MY BOY?”

I SAID, “YOU CAN KEEP ME FROM BEING KICKED RIGHT OUT OF COLLEGE BY GIVING ME A RETROACTIVE EXCUSE FOR THE FLU.” I DID TRY TO CONVINCHE HIM I ACTUALLY HAD THE FLU.

AFTER A WELL-DESERVED, STERN LECTURE, I RECEIVED THE VERY ESSENTIAL BONA FIDE MEDICAL EXCUSE. SO, DR. OLIN UP THERE, SOMEWHERE – HEARTFELT THANKS AGAIN AND YOU RICHLIY DESERVE THE LORD'S BLESSINGS THAT ARE BEING BESTOWED UPON YOU NOW.

SO, AS AN ALUMNUS, I DO CONTRIBUTE WHAT I CAN AFFORD TO THE MSU FUND DRIVES – NOT SO MUCH FOR WHAT THE UNIVERSITY DID FOR ME, BUT KINDA IN REPARATION FOR WHAT I DID TO IT.

ANYWAY, WITH MORE MATURE AFTERTHOUGHT I SHOULD HAVE PRIORITIZED GOOD GRADES MUCH EARLIER IN MY ACADEMIC YEARS. GRADES REALLY COUNT, PARTICULARLY IN LANDING THAT ALL-IMPORTANT FIRST JOB AND IN CREATING THE INITIAL GOOD IMPRESSION.

I'LL GIVE YOU EXHIBIT "A" IN THE VALUE OF GOOD GRADES AND STRONG MOTIVATION. WHEN I WAS FCC CHAIRMAN, WE HAD THE COMPLEX TASK OF IMPLEMENTING THE CONTROVERSIAL CONGRESSIONAL CABLE ACT. AFTER A SERIES OF PLEADINGS AND DEBATES I FINALLY RECEIVED AUTHORITY TO HIRE 40 ADDITIONAL ENTRY LEVEL ATTORNEYS. AFTER ISSUING THE USUAL PUBLIC NOTICE, WE RECEIVED 1360 APPLICATIONS FOR THE 40 OPENINGS! IN ORDER TO AVOID ALL TYPES OF PRESSURE CALLS FROM SENATORS, CONGRESSMEN, WHITE HOUSE STAFF AND CLOSE FRIENDS, WE DECIDED WE WOULD ONLY CONSIDER LAW GRADUATES IN THE TOP 10% OF THEIR CLASS.

THERE WAS ONE EXCEPTION FROM A B-STUDENT THAT MADE A COMPELLING ARGUMENT OF THE DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING A 3.5 AVERAGE WHILE WORKING ALL YOUR WAY THROUGH BOTH COLLEGE AND LAW SCHOOL. HE WAS AN EXCELLENT COMMUNICATOR AND HAD STRONG MOTIVATION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HIS COLLEGE PROFESSORS.

HE MADE UP IN DETERMINATION AND MOTIVATIONAL DRIVE FOR WHAT HE LACKED IN INITIAL GRADES. HE WAS SOON LABELED A "WORKAHOLIC." HE WORKED SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT -- WAY BEYOND THE NORMAL CALL OF DUTY. HE WAS PROMOTED TO A HIGHER GRADE IN ELEVEN MONTHS. HE FOLLOWED HIS BUREAU CHIEF TO A LARGER FCC BUREAU AND WAS AGAIN PROMOTED IN ELEVEN MONTHS. HE LEFT THE FCC WHEN A LARGE CORPORATION SOUGHT A BRIGHT, HARD-WORKING LEGAL GO-FOR. THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION WAS VERY PLEASED. HE CALLED ME "WHERE DID THIS GUY COME FROM. YOU CAN'T FIND THEM LIKE HIM ANYMORE. WE ARE WEANING HIM AWAY FROM WORKING SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES." HE DOUBLED HIS FCC SALARY. INCIDENTALLY, MANY OF THE "A" STUDENTS THAT WERE HIRED ARE NOW PRODUCTIVE PARTNERS OR ASSOCIATES IN LARGE COMMUNICATIONS LAW FIRMS WITH IMPRESSIVE SALARIES CONSIDERABLY ABOVE GOVERNMENT RATES. MOST OF THEM WORK SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS ONLY IN EMERGENCIES OR TO MEET IMPORTANT LEGAL DEADLINES.

THE LESSON -- IT IS MUCH EASIER TO GAIN EMPLOYMENT IF YOU ARE IN THE TOP 10%, BUT THE OTHER 90% CAN MAKE IT BY EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATING MOTIVATIONAL DRIVE, GENERAL ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND BY SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION. THIS MUST BE FOLLOWED BY A DEDICATED WORK ETHIC AND IN LEARNING AND IMPLEMENTING THE GOALS AND NEEDS OF YOUR EMPLOYER.

OVERALL, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND THE ACCOMPANYING SALESMANSHIP ARE PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT SKILL YOU CAN LEARN IN COLLEGE. MORE AND MORE TOP EXECUTIVES ARE QUOTED AS PLACING COMMUNICATION AND GENERAL AWARENESS SKILLS AS THE TOP PRIORITY FOR MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE EFFECTIVENESS AND EXECUTIVE ADVANCEMENT. LIBERAL ARTS WITH ITS BROAD KNOWLEDGE BACKGROUND AND APPRECIATION FOR HUMAN VALUES PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT BASE FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

WITH MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT LUCK, SOMETIMES DESCRIBED AS THE FORTUITOUS MEETING OF OPPORTUNITY WITH PREPAREDNESS, PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN LAUNCHING A CAREER.

FOR EXAMPLE, I WAS LUCKY THAT I TOOK ADVANCE ROTC AT MICHIGAN STATE THAT, INDIRECTLY EVENTUALLY OPENED THE DOOR FOR A FORTUITOUS OPPORTUNITY IN LAUNCHING A COMMUNICATION CAREER.

IN A NUTSHELL, HERE IS WHAT HAPPENED. I TOOK ADVANCE ROTC BECAUSE I COULD MAKE MONEY WITH THE UNIFORM ALLOWANCE. AT THE TIME I HAD NO IDEA I WOULD BE ELECTED TO A PAYING JOB ON THE MICHIGAN STATE NEWS.

COLONEL RODNEY, A GREAT MILITARY GENTLEMEN, WHO WAS CHIEF OF THE ROTC PROGRAM CORNERED ME, "QUELLO, WE LIKE WHAT YOU WRITE, BUT I'M HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING YOU ABOVE A GENTLEMAN'S C- IN MILITARY. YOU MUST PAY MORE ATTENTION IN CLASS."

I REPLIED "COLONEL, MY TAKING ROTC IS A MISTAKE. I'LL NEVER USE IT. I WANT TO BE A NEWSPAPER MAN." HE WINCED AS I CONFESSED, "I ONLY TOOK IT FOR ITS UNIFORM ALLOWANCE."

WELL -- WHEN WORLD WAR II BECAME IMMINENT I WAS INDUCTED AS A LIEUTENANT AND DISCHARGED AFTER 32 MONTHS OVERSEAS IN AFRICA, SICILY, ITALY, FRANCE AND GERMANY AS A LT. COLONEL -- I SURVIVED SIX AMPHIBIOUS LANDINGS. (NO MARINE UNITS IN EUROPE, ONLY AMPHIBIOUS INFANTRY). ALSO IT IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE THAT MY OVERSEAS EXPLOITS GET MORE HEROIC WITH EVERY PASSING YEAR.

MY FRIEND SAID "YOU WERE IN THE ARMY A LONG TIME, WERE YOU IN PUBLIC INFORMATION OR RELATIONS?" I SAID, "NO THEY HAD BIG, MEAN SOBS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS. I WAS IN THE INFANTRY."

INCIDENTALLY, I SAW MY SECOND SON FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN HE WAS 33 MONTHS OLD. HE WAS BORN ONE WEEK AFTER I HAD EMBARKED FOR AFRICA.

NOW FOR THE FORTUITOUS OPPORTUNITY -- MARY AND I DECIDED TO GO TO NEW YORK FOR OUR SECOND HONEYMOON. THE WAR IN EUROPE WAS OVER, BUT WE WERE STILL AT WAR WITH JAPAN AND THE NATION WAS WELL STEEPED IN PATRIOTIC FERVOR AS IT SHOULD BE. I WAS DRESSED IN COMPLETE UNIFORM WITH SIX HASHMARKS, SERVICE AND DECORATION RIBBONS.

MARY AND I DECIDED TO GO OUT FOR DINNER, HOPEFULLY TO ONE OF THE WELL PUBLICIZED, SWANK RESTAURANTS. WE WERE OUT THE DOOR WHEN

THE GENTLEMEN IN THE NEXT HOTEL ROOM INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND ASKED WHERE WE WERE GOING.

HE INFORMED US THAT ALL KEY DINNER SPOTS ARE RESERVED FOR SATURDAY NIGHT UNLESS YOU REALLY KNEW SOMEONE. WE ENDED UP AT THE 21 CLUB FOR DINNER AS HIS GUESTS.

WHEN ASKED WHAT I INTENDED TO DO, I SAID I WAS ASSIGNED TO TRAIN INFANTRY BATTALIONS AT CAMP BLANDING, FLORIDA DESTINED FOR JAPAN. I ADDED THAT I HOPED EVENTUALLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MY COLLEGE TRAINING AND SELF-ACCLAIMED VOCATIONAL APTITUDES AND GET INTO NEWSPAPER OR ADVERTISING WORK.

IT WAS THEN THAT LUCK ASSERTED ITSELF – OUR HOST SAID IF I COULD GET OUT OF THE ARMY, I COULD IMMEDIATELY FILL A VACANCY IN PUBLICITY FOR STATION WXYZ-DETROIT AND ALSO SERVE AS A GO-FOR ASSISTANT FOR THE LONE RANGER AND THE GREEN HORNET. THEY WERE ALL UNDER THE SAME OWNERSHIP. I LEARNED HE WAS EXECUTIVE VP AND GM OF STATION WXYZ AND A SUBSTANTIAL STOCKHOLDER IN THE POPULAR RADIO PROGRAMS.

I TRAVELED DIRECTLY TO THE G-1 ARMY DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON AND PROMPTLY ARRANGED MY DISCHARGE. I STARTED WORK IN AUGUST 1945.

SO THE ROTC COURSE I RELUCTANTLY ENDURED IN COLLEGE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN LAUNCHING A BROADCAST CAREER, AND MY WIDE BACKGROUND EDUCATION IN LIBERAL ARTS AND JOURNALISM, ALONG WITH PRACTICAL WORK ON THE COLLEGE NEWSPAPER AND RADIO STATION,

PROVIDED THE ESSENTIAL BACKGROUND AND KNOWLEDGE THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE TO RAPIDLY ASSIMILATE DETAILS OF MY NEW ASSIGNMENT.

WE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME OR THE APPROPRIATE FORUM TO DETAIL MY MOVE FROM WXYZ TO WJR, MY ROLE IN SUCCESSFULLY APPLYING FOR TV CHANNEL 12 IN FLINT AND EVENTUALLY STARTING MY 23½ YEAR FCC CAREER. THAT WILL REQUIRE A SEPARATE CHAPTER OR AN ENTIRE BOOK.

LET ME SHARE WITH YOU A FEW SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS FROM MY FCC CAREER AND A PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

ONE OF THE MORE MEMORABLE EVENTS OF MY LIFE WAS LAST MAY WHEN TOM MURPHY, FORMER CAPITAL CITIES-ABC BOARD CHAIRMAN AND ONE OF THE TRULY GREAT COMMUNICATIONS EXECUTIVES, PRESENTED ME WITH AN IRTS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON IN NEW YORK.

HE STATED THAT IF COMMISSIONER JIM QUELLO HAD KEPT HIS CAPITAL CITIES STOCK, HE WOULD NOW HAVE 23½ MILLION DOLLARS, SO EVERY YEAR HE SERVED ON THE FCC COST HIM A MILLION DOLLARS.”

I THANKED MURPH FOR MAKING A BIG MAN OUT OF ME AND SAID “THE LORD DID NOT WANT ME TO BE A WEALTHY MAN, HE WANTED ME TO BE A BESIEGED, BELEAGUERED SOB AND THAT’S WHAT I AM IN THIS JOB.”

ANOTHER MEMORABLE EVENT WAS THE FIRST CAPITAL CITIES ALUMNI DINNER IN NEW YORK IN EARLY DECEMBER WHERE I VISITED WITH ALL MY FORMER WORKING STIFF VPS AND MANAGERS WHO ARE NOW MULTI-

MILLIONAIRES DUE TO THE BRILLIANT AND BENEFICENT MANAGEMENT SKILLS OF THE TOM MURPHY-DAN BURKE CAPITAL CITIES-ABC TEAM.

TOM AND DAN ALSO GOT WARREN BUFFET TO SPEAK AT THE CAPITOL CITIES ALUMNI MEETING. I EXPECTED A QUIET, GENIUS RECLUSE TYPE, BUT FOUND A DELIGHTFUL OUTGOING PERSON. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF VISITING WITH HIM FOR 20 MINUTES.

I RECEIVED THREE GREAT PHOTOS OF MR. BUFFETT AND I EXCHANGING VIEWPOINTS. I PROUDLY SHOWED THEM TO MY STAFF WITH MY OWN ORIGINAL CAPTION "MULTI-BILLIONAIRE WARREN BUFFETT RECEIVING FINANCIAL ADVICE FROM HUNDREDNAIRE JIM QUELLO." I MENTIONED THIS IN MY SPEECH BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROGRAM EXECUTIVES. I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED TO RECEIVE A WARM LETTER FROM MR. BUFFETT WHICH READ:

"DEAR JIM -

I LOVED YOUR TALK. IN FACT, I'M GOING TO STEAL THE MATERIAL TO USE FOR MYSELF.

I WAS GLAD TO GET YOUR FINANCIAL ADVICE. NOW THAT I HAVE TALKED TO YOU, PEOPLE SEEM TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO MY OPINION ON MARKETS AND FISCAL MATTERS.

MURPH HAS TOLD ME A LOT OF GREAT THINGS ABOUT YOU OVER THE YEARS, AND NOW I'VE CONFIRMED THEM FOR MYSELF.

BEST REGARDS. SINCERELY, WARREN E. BUFFETT"

I HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED MR. BUFFETT, WHO IS WORTH AN ESTIMATED 31 BILLION, THAT I ALWAYS HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AT ELUDING WEALTH WHENEVER IT GOT TOO CLOSE TO ME.

BUT WEALTH OR NO WEALTH, I HAVE BEEN TRULY BLESSED.

PERSONALLY, I'M CHEERFULLY CONFRONTING THE DISMAL PROSPECT THAT I HAVE LIVED 5/6 OF MY LIFE. I HAVE NO REGRETS. FIRST, I GRADUATED FROM A GREAT UNIVERSITY THAT PROVIDED THE EDUCATION AND BROAD BASED LIBERAL ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BACKGROUND FOR WHATEVER I WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH IN LIFE. THEN I REALLY HAD A GREAT RUN IN LIFE WITH THREE EXCITING CAREERS -- ARMY, BROADCASTING AND FCC. MY LATE IN LIFE (AGE 59 THROUGH 83), FCC CAREER WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT, EXCITING AND GRATIFYING. I'M HONORED THAT MY NAME IS DESTINED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH MY UNIVERSITY IN PERPETUITY THROUGH AN ENDOWED CHAIR AND POSSIBLY A MARY AND JIM QUELLO COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.

IN CONCLUSION, THERE ARE TWO HOMESPUN PHILOSOPHICAL MESSAGES THAT I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU.

FIRST: CHERISH ALL THE HAPPY MEMORIES THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE. THEY WILL BE A COMFORTING CUSHION IN OLD AGE.

SECOND, AND MOST IMPORTANT: "RESOLVE TO BE TENDER WITH THE YOUNG, COMPASSIONATE WITH THE OLD, SYMPATHETIC TO THE STRIVING AND TOLERANT OF THE WEAK AND WRONG -- SOMETIME IN LIFE YOU WILL HAVE BEEN ALL OF THOSE." I HAVE, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE COMPASSION AND GENEROUS RECOGNITION.

AND A FINAL MESSAGE AS YOU FACE THE TRIBULATIONS,
DISAPPOINTMENTS AND TRIUMPHS OF LIFE -- REMEMBER THAT IN THE FINAL
ADVANCED STAGES IN LIFE WHAT REALLY COUNTS ARE GOOD HEALTH,
REASONABLE ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY AND THE AFFECTION AND RESPECT OF
FAMILY AND FRIENDS. WITH ALL THESE, I REALLY FEEL TRULY BLESSED -- I
WISH YOU THE SAME.

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