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"YOUTH IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY"

There has not been a younger generation of Americans as bright as well educated and more highly motivated than this one since the beginning of our Republic.

Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence at 32, Alexander Hamilton joined the fight for independence at 19, Henry Knox built an artillery corp at 26. And, I believe in this student body, there are Jeffersons, Hamiltons, and Knoxes - a generation of young people whose idealism and devotion to country is matched in few nations in the world.

At a time when the confidence of adults in our national institutions is at an all time low - as measured by the polls - I urge you to consider a career in politics and government. For I do not believe that you have given up on this country. You possess a vital sense of possibility which insures that idealism and morality - in politics and in the conduct of your lives - are not just a hope for the future nor a thing of the past. Believe me, values of heart and the qualities of mind

that you carry with you from these halls are the best insurance in America against the decline of our civilization.

I began my career in politics while still a student at Wake Forest Law School. I have been in public life for more than twenty years.

Be assured that there are many, many in my generation who believe that leaders do have a special responsibility to level with the people in a democracy.

For, you see, I believe that the people do not corrupt themselves in our political system.

The health of our system depends upon the standards, beliefs and competence of those in leadership positions.

Your generation - like preceding generations - has a central concern. Perhaps it is the dignity of the individual human being. I believe you and your older brothers and sisters want a limitation upon excessive power centered in Washington. I believe you want a government that speaks directly and honestly to its citizens. I believe you want a government that tries to preserve a sense of community among men.

I pledge myself to these goals.