# DR. A. B. C. KNUDSON NATIONAL REHABILITATION AWARD NATIONAL REHABILITATION CONFERENCE HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA JULY 9, 1981

I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT WORK ON THE PRESIDENT'S TAX CUT
PACKAGE PREVENTS ME FROM LEAVING WASHINGTON THIS EVENING, TO
ACCEPT IN PERSON THE A.B.C. KNUDSON AWARD. BUT I WANT YOU TO
KNOW THAT I WILL CHERISH IT - NOT ONLY AS A PERSONAL MEMENTO
FROM FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY BUT BECAUSE IT COMES AT A MILESTONE IN THE LONG AND TWISTING
ROAD THAT DISABLED AMERICANS HAVE TRAVELED TOWARD A FULL AND
FAIR SHARE IN SOCIETY.

THIS IS THE YEAR OF THE DISABLED PERSON. IT IS NOT THE
YEAR OF THE HANDICAPPED. FOR A HANDICAPPED PERSON IS DISABLED
ONLY SO FAR AS HE OR SHE IS PREVENTED FROM ACHIEVEMENT. I HAVE

KNOWN MANY PERSONS WHO WERE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED BUT MENTALLY AND SPIRITUALLY GREAT ACHIEVERS. I HAVE SEEN IN MY OWN LIFE THE CALL TO SELF-DISCOVERY THAT COMES WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITY, AND I LEARNED MANY YEARS AGO THAT SYMPATHY IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A CHANCE TO WORK AND TO BE INDEPENDENT.

THIRTY-FIVE MILLION AMERICANS REPRESENT A VAST AND LARGELY UNTAPPED RESOURCE. THEY ASK FOR NOTHING BUT A CHANCE TO SHARE THEIR TALENTS WITH THE REST OF US. THEY DEMONSTRATE EVERY DAY OF THEIR LIVES THE MEANING OF TENNYSON'S WORDS, "TO STRIVE,"

TO SEEK, TO FIND, AND NOT TO YIELD."

WE CAN ALL LOOK BACK OVER A DECADE WHEN THE ONLY YIELDING DONE WAS BY ARCHITECTUAL, ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIERS TO THE PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OF AMERICA'S DISABLED. PHYSICAL MOBILITY HAS INCREASED. NOW ECONOMIC MOBILITY MUST DO THE SAME.

YOU MEET AT A TIME OF FISCAL AUSTERITY, AGAINST A BACK-DROP OF DIMINISHED FEDERAL DICTATION. THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT COIN IS AN INCREASE IN PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONSIBILITY. NOT LONG AGO, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH A MENNINGER FOUNDATION COUNCIL SPONSORING THE PROJECTS WITH INDUSTRY PROGRAM. LAST YEAR, 90 SUCH PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY PUT 5,500 PEOPLE TO WORK. TAXES ON THEIR \$50 MILLION IN WAGES ALONG WILL AMOUNT TO MORE THAN DOUBLE THE GOVERNMENT'S ENTIRE INVESTMENT IN PWI. WE NEED MORE SUCH EFFORTS. TAX INCENTIVES TO EMPLOYERS CAN HELP. ALREADY, THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT HAS BEEN AMENDED TO PROVIDE FRESH INCENTIVES FOR DISABLED PERSONS TO RETURN TO WORK. AND THE FIGHT GOES ON TO TEAR DOWN BARRIERS TO ACCESSIBILITY.

BUDGETS IN WASHINGTON MAY FACE TRIMMING. BUT OUR COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR DISABLED AMERICANS CAN NEVER BE
REDUCED. I DO NOT BELIEVE FOR A SINGLE MOMENT THAT THIS NATION

HAS ANY INTENTION OF SUBSTITUTING FISCAL AUSTERITY FOR COMPASSION AND SUPPORT OF THE DISABLED. I DO BELIEVE WE SHOULD LOOK FOR BETTER WAYS TO TAP THE HUMAN RESOURCES OF THE DISABLED - AND GIVE 35,000,000 AMERICANS IN TURN A FAIRER SHARE OF SOCIETY'S RICHES, BOTH FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL. WE HAVE BROKEN DOWN BARRIERS: NOW WE MUST RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO RAISE UP DISABLED MEN AND WOMEN TO THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY. IN THAT SPIRIT, I AM PROUD TO ACCEPT THE KNUDSON AWARD.

# **REGISTRATION FEES:**

Full Registration (\$85.00): Includes all sessions, banquet, and the Cruise-Dinner-Show.

Advanced Full Registration (\$75.00, if payment is received by April 1, 1981): Includes all benefits of full registration.

Regular Registration (\$75.00): Includes banquet and all sessions.

Advanced Regular Registration (\$65.00, if payment is received by April 1, 1981): Includes all sessions and banquet.

Daily Registration \$25.00.

Extra Banquet Tickets: \$22.00. Available July 5 - 7.

Extra Cruise-Dinner-Show Tickets: \$16.00. Available until June 1st.

NOTE: Anyone going on the Cruise must pay registration fees by June 1, 1981.

HOTEL: The Diplomat Hotel of Hollywood, Florida, one of the very finest in the United States, will host the Conference.

ROOM RATES: Very special room rates are extended our conferees from July 3 through July 13th:

DIPLOMAT WEST

Single - \$34.00 daily Double - \$38.00 daily Third person in room - \$15.00 Children (Age 12, under) FREE

DIPLOMAT EAST

Single - \$44.00 daily Double - \$48.00 daily Third person in room - \$15.00 (Children (Age 12, under) FREE PARKING: Free, self-parking, if staying at Diplomat West. If staying at Diplomat East, \$4.00 daily (valet service).

CREDITS: Efforts are being made to acquire CEU's, academic credits, CME's, CRC credits, and nursing contact credits for conferees.

BOOSTERS: Booster names will be published in the final conference program. Individual names will be printed for \$3.00 each. Names of all members of the same family: \$5.00. We need your support.

**EXHIBITS**: 8' x 10' exhibit booths are available at only \$225.00 each. Preferential placement will be based on timely receipt of exhibit fees. Exhibits paid by April 1, 1981, will be only \$200.00 each.

# INFORMATION

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# THE 25th NATIONAL REHABILITATION CONFERENCE

July 5 - 10, 1981 Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood, Florida



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> CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN: DR. SYD RUDMAN

"1981, International Year for Disabled Persons"

THEME:

"International Efforts In Serving the Needs of the Severely Disabled"



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PURPOSE: The NRC is designed to meet the training needs of rehabilitation practitioners and the informational needs of the severely disabled and friends of the disabled, to include: administrators, clergy, counselors, disabled persons, educators, engineers, housing and industrial personnel, nurses, personnel workers, physicians, prosthetists, and orthotist, physicians, psychologists, social workers, therapists, and allied health personnel.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

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REGISTRATION FORM

To provide an interdisciplinary framework within which the disabled and those serving the disabled may acquire more productive perspectives regarding the role, function and limitations of the various disciplines represented.

 To determine the most effective means by which the various services for disabled persons may be fully utilized, in a cost effective manner, in producing maximum benefits for the severely disabled.

3. To make all conferees aware of the most recent and effective equipment, facilities, programs, treatment and legislation affecting the severely disabled.

 To maximize active participation by the conferees and to develop skills which will enable them to function more effectively upon return to their place of employment.

 To serve as an integral link in the fulfillment of the United Nations Declaration of "1981, International Year for Disabled Persons."

FACULTY: To aid in achieving the objectives stated above, outstanding local, state, national and international leaders in the field of rehabilitation have consented to serve on the faculty of the Conference. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Harold Russell, Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. Among the countries represented on the faculty are: Brazil, Canada, China, Mexico, Israel, and the United States.

SPECIAL AWARD: The recipient of the Dr. A.B.C. Knudson Award for meritorious services in behalf of the disabled will be Senator Bob Dole of Kansas. The presentation will be made at the Awards Banquet on Thursday, July 9th.

# PROGRAM FORMAT AND CONTENT:

There will be general sessions providing topics of general interest, to include:

- 1. Vocational rehabilitation.
- 2. The Partnership of Industry and Rehabilitation.
- Functions of the World Health Organization.
- 4. Rehabilitation of the amputee.
- 5. International rehabilitation programs in the U.S.A.
- 6. Advocacy for the severely disabled.
- 7. Accessibility and housing.
- 8. Sources of information.
- 9. Microsurgery.

In addition, there will be active conferee participation in the workshops, which include:

- 1. Spinal Cord Injured and Stroke Patients.
- 2. Case management.
- 3. Vocational Evaluation.
- General Educational Development Testing.
- 5. Rehabilitation Research & Engineering.
- 6. Managing Self and Others.
- 7. Job Placement and Retention for the Emotionally Disturbed.
- 8. Arthritis: Innovative Treatment.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Saturday, July 4: A "cookout" at Dr. Rudman's house.
- Sunday, July 5: An informal "Open House" in the Hospitality Suite.
- 3. Monday, July 6: An informal reception.
- 4. Tuesday, July 7: "Roundtables With the Experts," an open-ended agenda.
- Wednesday, July 8: Cruise, Dinner and Show Extraganza.
- 6. Thursday, July 9: Awards Banquet.

UNITED NATIONS: On December 9, 1975, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted Resolution 3447, which included the following conditions:

- Disabled persons have the right to economic and social security and to a decent living. They have the right, according to their capabilities, to secure and retain employment or to engage in a useful, productive and remunerative occupation and to join trade unions.
- 2. Disabled persons are entitled to the measures designed to enable them to become as self-reliant as possible.
- Disabled persons shall be protected against all exploitations, all regulations and all treatment of a discriminatory, abusive or degrading nature.
- Disabled persons are entitled to have their special needs taken into consideration at all stages of economic and social planning.