

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE  
FOR  
AWARD OF BOY SCOUT LIFE-SAVING MEDAL  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MANHATTAN, KANSAS  
SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1974

IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE WITH YOU TO PARTICIPATE  
BRIEFLY IN MANHATTAN TROOP 74'S BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR CEREMONIES.

ALL OF TODAY'S HONOREES DESERVE THE TRIBUTES THEY ARE  
RECEIVING. ALL OF THEM STAND OUT AS EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG MEN WITH  
SPIRIT, INTELLIGENCE AND DETERMINATION. SCOUTING ATTRACTS THAT  
KIND OF BOY, AND IT HELPS THEM TO BUILD ON THOSE KINDS OF STRENGTHS.

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TO THE SCOUTS THEMSELVES, AND TO THEIR ADULT ADVISORS AND COORDINATORS WHO WORK SO HARD TO MAKE THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCOUTING PROGRAM A SUCCESSFUL ONE, I EXTEND MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS.

ONE SINGLED OUT

ONE SCOUT IN PARTICULAR, AS YOU KNOW, IS TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL AWARD TODAY -- THE NATIONAL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA LIFE SAVING HONOR MEDAL. AND I DO CONSIDER IT AN HONOR ITSELF, TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT IT.

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MYRON CARPENTER LEFT THE STATE-OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL GAME A LITTLE EARLY LAST YEAR, AND TWO PEOPLE ARE ALIVE TODAY BECAUSE HE DID. WHAT HE DID IS SOMETHING MOST OF YOU KNOW ALREADY. HE SAW A SAILBOAT OUT ON TUTTLE CREEK LAKE. HE SAW IT CAPSIZE. AND HE WENT OUT IN THE CHOPPY WATERS OF THE WIND-SWEPT LAKE TO GET THE MAN AND WOMAN WHO, ALL AGREE, WOULD HAVE DROWNED WITHOUT HIS HELP.

COURAGE -- EQUAL TO THE TASK

THAT IS WHAT HE DID. WHY DID HE DO IT? I SUSPECT THAT MYRON HAS SUGGESTED MANY TIMES THAT HE DID ONLY WHAT ANYONE IN

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HIS POSITION WOULD HAVE DONE. BUT, MYRON, I'M NOT SURE THAT IS SO. THERE ARE A LOT OF INSTANCES THESE DAYS, UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN PEOPLE IN TROUBLE ARE IGNORED. THERE ARE, UNFORTUNATELY, A LOT OF INSTANCES THESE DAYS WHEN PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP, DON'T BOTHER.

ONE AMERICAN THINKER HAS DEFINED COURAGE AS "EQUALITY TO THE TASK BEFORE US." MYRON CARPENTER PROVED HE WAS EQUAL TO THE LARGE TASK THAT CIRCUMSTANCES PUT IN FRONT OF HIM.

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AND THAT, MYRON, IS A LOT TO BE ABLE TO SAY.

WHAT YOU DID IS NOT SOMETHING JUST ANYBODY MIGHT HAVE  
DONE. IT TOOK SOMEONE WHO WAS EQUAL TO THE TASK. IN THAT  
SENSE, IT TOOK COURAGE.

AND IT IS, THEREFORE, AN HONOR FOR ME TO PRESENT THIS  
AWARD IN BEHALF OF YOUR OWN SCOUT LEADERS AND IN BEHALF OF  
THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

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