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Health Education Annual Dinner

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PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH EDUCATION

ANNUAL DINNER

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. I AM SORRY THAT I AM UNABLE TO BE WITH YOU IN PERSON THIS EVENING. THERE IS NO ISSUE THAT MEANS MORE TO ME THAN THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ^{now} CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

I AM ESPECIALLY HONORED TO RECEIVE THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH EDUCATION'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD. I ACCEPT IT WITH PRIDE PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE MANY ILLUSTRIOUS AMERICANS WHO YOU HAVE HONORED IN THE PAST AND PARTLY BECAUSE I FEEL SO STRONGLY THAT HEALTH EDUCATION AND PREVENTION OF DISEASE ARE KEYS TO BETTER HEALTH FOR ALL AMERICANS.

THROUGH OUR EFFORTS TO REFORM THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM IN OUR COUNTRY, I HAVE COME TO SEVERAL IMPORTANT CONCLUSIONS:

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WE MUST PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SECURITY TO ALL AMERICANS AT AN

AFFORDABLE PRICE THAT PROVIDES HIGH QUALITY CARE AND THAT CAN

NEVER BE TAKEN AWAY. AS THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID, THIS IS THE

FUNDAMENTAL TEST THAT ANY HEALTH CARE PLAN MUST ~~PASS TO BE SIGNED~~

BY he will sign

to law

INTO LAW.

BUT THERE ARE OTHER FUNDAMENTAL TESTS WE NEED TO PASS AS WELL:

WE MUST ALL TAKE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN HEALTH . . .

LEARNING ALL WE CAN ABOUT IMPROVING HEALTH HABITS, WORKING EACH

DAY TO MAKE HEALTH DECISIONS, AND AVOIDING HIGH RISK BEHAVIORS THAT

COULD DAMAGE OUR HEALTH AND UNDERMINE OUR LIVES AND PRODUCTIVITY.

IN THE CONTEXT OF HEALTH CARE REFORM, WE NEED TO ASSURE THAT WE

HAVE DONE ALL WE CAN TO MAKE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION A

FUNDAMENTAL PART OF SCHOOL CURRICULA K-12. CHILDREN CANNOT

LEARN IF THEY ARE NOT HEALTHY, IF THEY HAVE NOT HAD THE BENEFIT OF GOOD NUTRITION, IF THEY DO NOT GET ADEQUATE EXERCISE AND IF THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE HEALTHY DECISIONS . . . DECISIONS THAT PROTECT THEM FROM ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUG USE, THAT PROTECT THEM FROM HIV/AIDS, THAT HELP AVOID UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES, AND MORE THAN EVER THAT PROTECT THEM FROM VIOLENCE AND INJURY.

I SALUTE THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH EDUCATION.

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM, GROWING

HEALTHY IS A MODEL FOR THE NATION. I AM PROUD OF THE FACT THAT

ARKANSAS IS ONE OF MANY STATES THAT USES GROWING HEALTHY AND

THAT WE WERE ABLE TO MANDATE HEALTH EDUCATION WHEN WE REFORMED

THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN ~~THE STATE.~~ I AM ALSO PLEASED THAT WE HAVE

INCLUDED HEALTH EDUCATION IN THE PROPOSED HEALTH CARE REFORM

PACKAGE NOW BEFORE THE CONGRESS AND THAT SURGEON GENERAL DR.

JOYCELYN ELDERS, SECRETARY SHALALA, AND SECRETARY RILEY ARE ALL

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE BOTH EDUCATION AND PREVENTION.

EACH YEAR, YOU SERVE OVER ONE-MILLION STUDENTS WITH GROWING

HEALTHY AND I COMMEND YOU ON YOUR PLANS TO BUILD ON THIS SUCCESS.

THE NATION NEEDS YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOUR EXPERIENCE, AND YOUR IDEAS IF

WE ARE TO BUILD A HEALTHIER AMERICA.

I AM HONORED TO ACCEPT THIS AWARD AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING

WITH ALL OF YOU AS WE MAKE BETTER HEALTH THROUGH EDUCATION A

Health Care
GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF ~~OUR~~ REFORM MOVEMENT.

ev. Child Care in Schools

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

*health info. + referral
learn about plan*

engage in process

*It help us not just
I will, all child
child & country your health*