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## CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY

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LET US PRAY.

ETERNAL LORD GOD, WHO ALONE SPREADS OUT THE HEAVENS AND RULES THE RAGING OF THE SEA. WE THANK YOU FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHOM WE HONOR TODAY WITH A CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL. WE PRAISE YOU FOR THEIR FAITHFUL HOURS OF VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FOR THEIR COMPLETION OF PERSONAL AND PHYSICAL FITNESS GOALS. IN ALL THEIR TOMORROWS, MAKE THEM POOR IN MISFORTUNE AND RICH IN BLESSINGS.

GIVE THEM ENOUGH CHALLENGES TO KEEP THEM HUMBLE, ENOUGH HURT TO KEEP THEM HUMANE, ENOUGH FAILURE TO KEEP THEIR HANDS TIGHTLY IN YOURS, AND ENOUGH SUCCESS TO MAKE THEM CERTAIN THEY ARE WALKING WITH YOU. CHALLENGE THEM WHEN THEY ARE TOO WELL PLEASED WITH THEMSELVES, WHEN THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY DREAMED TOO LITTLE, WHEN THEY ARRIVED SAFELY SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY SAILED TOO CLOSE TO THE SHORE. PUSH BACK THE HORIZONS OF THEIR ASPIRATIONS AND DREAMS, LEADING THEM INTO A FUTURE FUELED BY FAITH, FOCUS, AND FORTITUDE.

WE PRAY IN YOUR MIGHTY NAME. AMEN.