

who needs a lot of help. Signing off"—Danielle Chase, 6th Grader, Canterbury Street School.

"I think that it is a great learning opportunity. Because when I start high school I need to think about my future to go to college and become a writer. To me a neighborhood should be a place where you can feel safe. Like you can trust people around you."—Taryn Kodell, 6th Grader, Gates Lane School.

QUOTES FROM PARENTS OF SELECTED STUDENTS OF UPCS—EXCERPTS FROM UPCS BROCHURE: FAMILIES OF THE CLASS OF 2003

"You're giving my girls a future—one I never could give them. I work ten hours a day, and I can't make ends meet."—A Father.

"I grew up in this neighborhood, and I always thought that I would work at the Foundry. They called 21 of us into the office, and 3 kept their jobs, the ones that could use the computer. At 50, I had no job, no choices, no options . . . no computer or academic skills. Now I take courses here at Clark with my 24-year-old daughter. I want my son to go to this school (UPCS). I want him to have choices."—A Father.

"Please tell me again that this is really true—it's too good for me—I've never been picked for anything good."—A Father.

"I got goose bumps when you were talking about the school. I couldn't believe it."—A Grandmother.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE PROMISE KEEPERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 21, 1997, the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. NEUMANN] is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. NEUMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to pay special tribute to a group of people that were in this town this weekend, a large group of people, the Promise Keepers.

They were in town, a large group, predominantly men, but there were some women there too, to recommit themselves to their faith in God and to the most important things in their lives here, and that is their families.

When I watched the media and the media treatment of this particular event, I could not help but think back to when I first entered into politics myself. With no political experience or background behind me, I went into politics thinking that if we talked about our faith in God and our commitment to our family and our commitment to our country, and what a great country it was, where you could start a business in the basement of our home and build that business because of the opportunities that exist here, build that business into a company that provided job opportunities for 250 people, I thought that was what was right and good about this great Nation that we live in.

When I went into politics, I learned that they treated the business success, they said well, that makes you rich and therefore you are a bad guy. Even though the business started in the basement of the house and we busted our tails and did what this great coun-

try is all about, built that business from the ground up to provide job opportunities for our people, they twisted that around.

When they learned of a faith in God and a commitment to family, well, they twisted that around too and started using names like "right wing radical." Well, if right wing radical means that you are committed to your faith and God and you are committed very strongly to your family, and if you believe in this great country we live in that if people work hard you should have an opportunity to start a business in the basement of your home and build it, well, then so be it, and let us hope the whole country is right wing radical, because that is what made America great in the first place.

I brought with me this morning all seven promises that the Promise Keepers make, because sometimes in the media this stuff gets twisted around, so I thought I would read all seven of them this morning. Here are the promises, the seven promises of a Promise Keeper, the people that were here this weekend.

Number 1, a Promise Keeper is committed to honor Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, and obedience to God's word in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Number 2, a Promise Keeper is committed to pursue vital relationships with a few other men, understanding that he needs brothers to help him keep his promises, promises being the faith.

Number 3, and here is one that they like to twist around, No. 3, a Promise Keeper is committed to practice spiritual, moral, ethical, and sexual purity. That is, the husbands that were here are committed to their wives and their families.

Let me read No. 3 one more time, because I think it is extremely important. A Promise Keeper is committed to practice spiritual, moral, ethical, and sexual purity.

Number 4, a Promise Keeper is committed to build strong marriages and families through love, protection, and Biblical values.

Number 5, a Promise Keeper is committed to support the mission of his church by honoring and praying for his pastor and by actively giving his time and resources.

Number 6, a Promise Keeper is committed to reach beyond any racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of Biblical unity.

Number 7, a Promise Keeper is committed to influence his world, being obedient to the Great Command and the Great Commission, the Great Command being in Mark 12:30-31, and the Great Commission is found in Matthew 28:19-20.

Now, I have just read the entire commitment of the people that were here in Washington this weekend, and again I refer to some of the press coverage of this, where instead of treating it as people who were sincerely committed to what made America the greatest Na-

tion in the world in the first place, a commitment to faith, the freedom to worship in our country as we see fit and appropriate in our lives, a commitment to our families, knowing that a husband and wife raising children is what is great in this country and what has built this country and been the backbone of America, and an understanding that in this great Nation that we live in we have the opportunity to start a business in the basement of a home and build that business through hard work and effort into something that provides job opportunities to lots of people.

Well, after two races which we lost and getting beat up over these very issues, I have come back to the conclusion that in fact these are the right values for the future of this country, and I sincerely hope that the other people in America will come back to the conclusion that a commitment to a faith in God, a commitment to our families, and an understanding that, with hard work, in America the opportunity to get ahead and live the American dream is still here, I hope those are the values that we carry forward from our generation to the next generation.

#### THANKING CONGRESS FOR USING D.C. STUDENT INTERNS IN SEPTEMBER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 21, 1997, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia [Ms. NORTON] is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to sincerely thank Members of the House and Senate for affording the opportunity for 254 high school students to participate as volunteer interns in 175 of your offices during the first 3 weeks of September when D.C. schools were closed for roof repairs. I want especially to thank the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands, Ms. DONNA CHRISTIAN-GREEN, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. TOM FOGLIETTA, and the gentlewoman from California, Ms. JANE HARMAN, who not only accepted interns in their office, but who also have themselves come to the floor to speak of their experience with our students and to commend the young people. I will include for the RECORD their statements and other materials from this experience.

Congress was due back at the same time the schools were due to open in the District. General Julius Becton and other school officials tried desperately to find ways to get schools open, but an extraordinarily rigid and restrictive court ruling made this impossible. Shortly before we were due back, it became clear to me that all options had been exhausted. With only a few days to go before September 2, the day school was to open, my staff and I got to work to recruit Members to accept interns.