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Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

Did you go to the Mid-Winter Conference last weekend in Portland? If you were unable to attend, you missed a great weekend.

The Mid-Winter Conference is an annual conference where we gather together to hear the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen scholarship District winners and find out who our state winners are.

Every year I am so impressed with the essays of these students. They are so passionate, intelligent, and articulate. They give me such hope for the future of our country. I am so glad that I don't have to pick the best of the bunch.

I am very proud to report that this year's winner of the Voice of Democracy scholarship is Hope Wright from District 10! Hope lives in Culver, OR (which is my District). She will go on to National to compete with the other state winners for the National scholarship. Good luck Hope!

When next February rolls around, make plans to go to the Mid-Winter Conference and see how amazing these young people are.

Until next time, if you know of anyone who needs a card sent to them, let me know. That's part of what I am here for.