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THROUGHOUT HISTORY, MAN HAS PAUSED IN CEREMONY TO CALL ATTENTION TO QUALITIES THAT HE DEEMS IMPORTANT BY HONORING PEOPLE WHO EXEMPLIFY THOSE QUALITIES. PERHAPS MAN NEEDS TO DO THIS PERIODICALLY TO PRESERVE AND ENCOURAGE HIS BETTER INSTINCTS, FOR MAN IS ALWAYS IN PRECARIOUS BALANCE BETWEEN THAT WHICH IS ENOBLING AND DEGRADING IN HIS NATURE.

HONOR DOES NOT FALL ALONE TO THOSE WHO ARE CHOSEN, BUT TO THOSE AS WELL WHO HAVE NURTURED THE QUALITIES IN THOSE WHO ARE SINGLED OUT FOR RECOGNITION. WE WELCOME THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF OUR DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY. WE UNDERSTAND THE PLEASURE YOU FEEL, A PLEASURE THAT MAY ExCEED THAT OF THOSE SPECIFICALLY HONORED TODAY.