

SCRIPT FOR 4-H A.B. GRAHAM MEMORIAL PLAQUE CEREMONY

THE STATE HOUSE ROTUNDA

APRIL 10, 1981

1:30 P.M.

FOR TOM CALHOON

PRESIDENT, OHIO 4-H FOUNDATION

1:30 PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

GOOD AFTERNOON, I AM TOM CALHOON, PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO 4-H FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WELCOME TO THE UNVEILING OF A PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF MR. A.B. GRAHAM AND IN RECOGNITION OF 4-H WHICH WAS STARTED IN OHIO BY MR. GRAHAM AND SINCE SPREAD THROUGHOUT AMERICA AND THE WORLD. THE BEGINNING WAS IN SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, CLARK COUNTY ON JANUARY 15, 1902 WHERE MR. GRAHAM WAS SUPERINTENDENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOLS. MR. GRAHAM HAD AN IDEA TO STRENGTHEN THE FORMAL EDUCATION OF YOUTH. HE INITIATED A PROGRAM WE NOW KNOW AS 4-H. TODAY WE ARE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE MR. GRAHAM'S DREAM.

BEFORE WE HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A FEW PEOPLE. THANKS TO A FEW MEMBERS OF THE OHIO STATE MILITARY BAND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. WILLIE SULLIVAN.

APPLAUSE

SEVERAL OF THE BAND ARE 4-H MEMBERS.

I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE SOME OF MR. & MRS. GRAHAM'S FAMILY.

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MRS. HELEN BAKER, DAUGHTER OF MR. GRAHAM.

MRS. RONALD SNYDOR, GRANDAUGHTER AND HER HUSBAND, AND
TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF MR. GRAHAM'S.

VERY SPECIAL GUESTS HERE ARE A FEW MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL CLUB, CALLED "BOYS AND GIRLS EXPERIMENTAL CLUB." IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE MRS. BLANCHE HARLEY BICKLE AND HER HUSBAND FROM FLORIDA.

MR. THEODORE SPEARS AND HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER FROM SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING THEM. THEY CAN PROBABLY TELL YOU SOME VERY INTERESTING STORIES ABOUT THE EARLY DAYS OF CLUB WORK.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A SPECIAL EFFORT TO BE PRESENT TODAY.

IT IS NOW MY PLEASURE TO HAVE THE HONOR OF INTRODUCING A LEADER WHO BELIEVES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THE FUTURE OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND WORK DELIGENTLY TO MAKE SURE THE FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH IS FULL OF OPPORTUNITY. PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING THE BEST PROMOTER OF OHIO THE HONORABLE JAMES A. RHODES, GOVERNOR.

GOVERNOR RHODES COMMENTS

THANK YOU GOVERNOR RHODES FOR YOUR REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE OHIO 4-H FOUNDATION, 4-H MEMBERS, 4-H ADVISORS, AND FRIENDS. I PRESENT YOU WITH THIS VERY UNIQUE TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO 4-H. I HOPE YOU WILL HAVE A PLACE ON YOUR DESK FOR THIS USEFUL MOMENTO.

IT IS NOW MY PRIVILEGE TO INTRODUCE THE PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO SENATE, SENATOR PAUL GILLMOR. SENATOR GILLMOR IS FROM PORT CLINTON, OHIO AND REPRESENTS THE 2ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT. SENATOR GILLMOR HAS BEEN A LOYAL SUPPORTER OF 4-H FOR MANY YEARS. I PRESENT TO YOU SENATOR PAUL GILLMOR.

SENATOR GILLMOR'S REMARKS

THANK YOU SENATOR GILLMOR ON BEHALF OF THE OHIO 4-H FOUNDATION, 4-H MEMBERS, 4-H ADVISORS AND FRIENDS. I AM HAPPY TO PRESENT YOU A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO 4-H AS WELL AS YOUR LEADERSHIP TO THE OHIO SENATE.

I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE SPEAKER VERNAL RIFFE OF THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. SPEAKER RIFFE IS FROM NEW BOSTON, OHIO REPRESENTING THE 89TH DISTRICT. SPEAKER RIFFE HAS ALSO BEEN AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF 4-H. I UNDERSTAND SPEAKER RIFFE HAS A SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR US ALONG WITH SOME COMMENTS. JOIN ME IN WELCOMING SPEAKER VERN RIFFE TO THE PODIUM.

SPEAKER RIFFE COMMENTS AND PRESENTS THE JOINT RESOLUTION FROM THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE OHIO SENATE TO TOM CALHOON.

THANK YOU SPEAKER RIFFE AND SENATOR GILLMOR FOR RECOGNIZING 4-H AND MR. A.B. GRAHAM ON THIS DAY WITH THIS RESOLUTION. I ACCEPT IT ON BEHALF OF THE NEARLY 200,000 4-H MEMBERS, MORE THAN 20,000 4-H ADVISORS AND FRIENDS ACROSS OHIO. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN PROVIDING DYNAMIC 4-H YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

I AM VERY HAPPY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF 4-H,
THE OHIO 4-H FOUNDATION AND FRIENDS TO PRESENT YOU
WITH OUR TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND
THAT OF THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

4-H BEING A PART OF THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
SERVICE OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, IT IS MY
PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE DR. HAROLD L. ENARSON, PRESIDENT
OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY. DURING THE PAST NINE
YEARS PRESIDENT ENARSON HAS ENCOURAGED AND CHALLENGED
THOSE INVOLVED WITH 4-H TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE.
JOIN ME IN WELCOMING PRESIDENT HAROLD ENARSON TO THE
PODIUM.

DR. ENARSON'S REMARKS

THANK YOU DR. ENARSON. ON BEHALF OF THE 4-H
MEMBERS, ADVISORS, AND FRIENDS, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO 4-H WITH THIS
EXPRESSION OF OUR THANKS TO YOU.

GOVERNOR RHODES WILL YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
ASSIST ME IN UNVEILING THE TABLET PLAQUE. UNVEIL THE
PLAQUE ON BEHALF OF THE OHIO 4-H FOUNDATION, PRESENT
AND FORMER 4-H MEMBERS, ADVISORS AND FRIENDS, I
PRESENT THIS TABLET PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF MR. A.B. GRAHAM
AND THE BEGINNING OF 4-H IN OHIO ON JANUARY 15, 1902.
WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THIS TO YOU AND THE STATE OF
OHIO. READ THE PLAQUE.

GOVERNOR RHODES TO DEDICATE

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS RECOGNITION TO 4-H IN OHIO AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

TODAY HAS BEEN A VERY SIGNIFICANT AND HISTORICAL EVENT. A.B. GRAHAM HAD A DREAM FOR A STRONG AND GROWING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM. THE 4-H PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW AND EXPAND IN OHIO AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO GIVE THE LEADERSHIP TO 4-H AND THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE IN OHIO.

DR. ROY M. KOTTMAN, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HOME ECONOMICS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE AND DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

DR. CHARLES LIFER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND STATE 4-H LEADER.

THE OHIO 4-H FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE OHIO SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE GOVERNOR'S CABINET, THE BOARD OF REGENTS, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE OHIO AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL, PRESIDENT ENARSON'S STAFF, STATE 4-H ADVISORY COMMITTEE, STATE EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE MANY FRIENDS OF 4-H HERE TODAY. THANKS ALSO FOR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS MEDIA.

DR. ROY M. KOTTMAN WHOM I INTRODUCED FORMERLY
JUST A MINUTE AGO HAS A SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO
MAKE TO GOVERNOR RHODES.