**Crouch Speech [No. 15984]**

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Speech by Miss. Karen Crouch on the subject of “Service.”

albert schweitzer, a FAMOUS DOCTOR, humanitarian, AND philosopher, ONCE said THAT *“the only ones among you who will truly be happy are those who will have sought, and found how, to serve.”*

for my part, I didn’t have to look very far to see lives of service in action.

My dad is an educator by profession. my dad’s a very, very smart person, and i’m quite sure that he could have earned a LOT more money if he’d decided to GO into some kind of business.

my dad sees potential in everyone of his students. He often spends much of his own time helping those WITH SPECIAL NEEDS who have difficulty learning. he’s been knowN to buy school supplies out of his own pocket for kids who could not afford them

IT’S BECAUSE OF THE DEDICATION OF TEACHERS LIKE MY DAD THAT WE HAVE DOCTORS, LAWYERS, ENGINEERS, AND SO ON. AND I USE THE WORD “DEDICATION” AND NOT “SACRIFICE” BE-CAUSE, TO MY DAD, TEACHING IS WHAT HE LOVES TO DO MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD; AND AS SOMEONE ONCE SAID: *“DO SOMETHING YOU LOVE, AND YOU’LL NEVER WORK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE.”*

MY mom is a trial judge by profession. HERS, TOO, IS A LIFE DEDICATED TO SERVICE. SHE SERVES THE COMMUNITY BY HELPING MAKE THE LEGAL SYSTEM WORK FOR EVERYONE

SHE teachES others about how the legal system WORKS. SHE TRIES WHENEVER SHE CAN TO GIVE THOSE WHO APPEAR BEFORE HER A SECOND CHANCE AT TURNING THEIR LIVES AROUND.

SHE HELPS PEOPLE WITH ADDICTIONS FIND HELP AND COUNSELING.

SHE HELPS GET KIDS OUT OF DANGEROUS OR NEGLECTFUL HOMES.

SHE HELPS FAMILIES find COMMUNITY RESOURCES THAT HELP them NTS WITH THINGS LIKE FOOD, SHELTER, TRANSPORTATION, AND SO ON.

LIKE MY DAD, mom could make A LOT more money HAD SHE CHOSEN TO GO INTO private practice. but she enjoys the public service of making our community a SAFER AND better place to live.

WATCHING my parents and others who serve, I realize that the goodness of the world is made by many people making many small contributions. I realized that service is often a small and quiet thing.

and i think that each and every one of us can be great because each and every one of us can lead a life a service to others.

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