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MALCOLM H. KERR SCHOLAR FOR THE 1991 SUMMER PROGRAM NOMINATED

WASHINGTON, DC. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall, (D-WV), is pleased to announce that Mr. Philip King, of Matewan, West Virginia, has been selected as a 1991 Malcolm H. Kerr Scholar.

Mr. King, a Matewan resident, will be spending the summer in Egypt and Tunisia to broaden his knowledge of international affairs and cultures. The program's focus is about 40 percent academic, including daily Arabic language lessons, 30 percent briefings and meetings, and 30 percent leisure meant to foster acquaintances with host country's nationals.

Mr. King was chosen by the Huntington Local Nominating Committee, of which Representative Rahall is Chairman. "The Summer Scholar Program was designed by the National Council on US-Arab Relations to give young Americans the opportunity to project themselves into the daily life of an Arab and Islamic society." said Rahall.

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March 7, 1991

Mr. Kent Keyser
Office of the Honorable Nick Joe Rahall
815 Fifth Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

Dear Kent:

On behalf of the National Council, I'd like to inform you and the Huntington Local Nominating Committee that Mr. Philip King has been selected as a Malcolm H. Kerr Scholar for the 1991 Summer Program. The National Selection Committee met on February 22 and selected 18 Scholars for Summer programs in Egypt and Tunisia.

As a result of your dedication and continued interest, Huntington youth have this unique opportunity for a firsthand international learning experience. Thank you for the time and energy you and the other Committee members have put into the selection process. Enclosed please find a copy of the letter we have sent Mr. King.

Once again, we'd like to enlist your support in assisting the Kerr Scholars in their 20 hours of required community service. In the past six years, Kerr Scholars have been very impressive in their post-trip efforts to share their experience with as many people in their community as possible. As you are aware, the Scholars typically communicate their Arab world experiences through speaking engagements, slide shows, and media interviews.

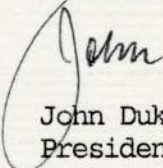
The 200 Kerr alumni have contributed nearly 4,000 hours of community service. The communications and public presentation skills they develop in the process -- all before they enter college -- result in many of them becoming impressive leaders in international affairs study groups on their campuses.

CHAIRMAN

If you or the other Committee members have any questions about this year's Program, the fundraising requirement, or the shape and direction of this Summer's study tour, please call Ms. Alison Richards, Kerr Program Coordinator.

Alison joins me in sending warm regards. We realize that this was an especially trying year to encourage parents and students to consider traveling, and we thank you for your continued support and interest.

Sincerely,


John Duke Anthony
President

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February 28, 1991

Mr. Philip King
P.O. Box 428
Matewan, WV 25678

Dear Mr. King:

I am pleased to inform you of your selection to participate in the 1991 Malcolm H. Kerr Scholars Program in Arab and Islamic Studies this Summer. On behalf of the National Selection Committee, I convey our heartiest congratulations. We were most impressed by the high quality of the finalists.

Let me take a moment to inform you about some of the highlights of the program you'll experience this Summer. The Kerr Scholars Program is designed to afford young Americans the opportunity to project themselves academically, perceptually, and emotionally into the daily life of an Arab and Islamic society. About 40 percent of the Program's focus will be academic, including daily Arabic language instruction and lectures on historical and cultural topics. Another 30 percent will include meetings and briefings with specialists in different fields and visits to significant industrial, cultural, and governmental institutions. The remaining 30 percent can be used in a variety of ways, but most choose to engage in individual activities designed to foster acquaintances with host country nationals.

The Kerr Scholars will be joined on the program by a group of professors from colleges and universities from several states. The professors have been selected to participate in the Joseph J. Malone Faculty Fellows Program in Arab and Islamic Studies. Kerr Scholars and Malone Fellows will be together for most lectures and visits to cultural and historical sites, but will have some separate activities.

We realize that you and your parents might have concerns about U.S. citizens travelling in the Middle East. The National Council continues to monitor events closely in the region before and during the period of the Program. We have informed our American embassies in both Egypt and Tunisia about the programs and they are supportive, as are State Department officials. As the Kerr Program brochure and each of the National Council's *Annual Reviews* since the program began in 1984 have indicated, Presidents Reagan and Bush could hardly have provided a more upbeat endorsement of the Program. The same can be said for the American Ambassadors and Embassy staff in both countries where the program is conducted. Please be assured that the National Council will err on the side of caution in matters relating to your safety. We would be most happy to discuss these matters with you and your parents at any time.

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All Scholars must attend a pre-departure orientation session commencing the afternoon of Sunday, June 23 in Washington, D.C. Your international flight will depart the afternoon of Friday, June 28, arriving the afternoon of the following day. You are scheduled to return on July 28.

As indicated in the literature accompanying the application form, you are required to provide for your own round-trip air fare and ground transportation to Mount Vernon College, the site of the orientation program in Washington, D.C., and one meal a day during the in-country program. Your return flight should be booked from New York as international flights will return to JFK.

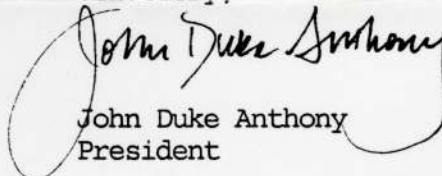
Please indicate your acceptance or declination of the Scholar Award in writing to Ms. Alison Richards, Kerr Program Coordinator, by March 15. If we have not heard from you by that time, we will award your place in the Program to one of the alternates. You will be notified of your country assignment in late March. We also ask that you contact the chairperson of your Local Nominating Committee to offer your assistance in raising the required \$1250 from your community.

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If you do not already have a passport valid through September 1991, you should apply for one immediately.

Again, congratulations on your selection.

Sincerely,


John Duke Anthony
President

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