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Dear Honor Roll Student,

One of my dearest mentors once said to me, “Lindsey, I don’t want you to be just good, I hope you can be good for something.”

I want you to celebrate this idea as we are recognizing one of America’s most transformational heroes, Martin Luther King, Jr. He did not measure people by their IQ, wealth, social status, artistic or athletic abilities, appearance, or charisma; he said, “Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

As I commend you for achieving excellent grades this first semester of the 2017 – 2018 school year, I want to temper my congratulations with encouragement to consider how you might use this excellence for the good of the community. Will you become a scientist who improves our lives with your inventions? As a medical professional, will you help heal people? As a teacher, will you inspire young people and give them hope? As a pastor, will you stand for truth and point others to it? As a lawyer or policeman, will you insure the rule of law in your community?

My challenge to you is to use your gifts for good, for yourself, for your family, for your community. Wherever God places you, I pray that you would serve others and be “good for something.”

Again, congratulations on earning the Honor Role. I am pleased with your commitment to learning and to hard work.

Blessings!

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