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THIRD CENTURY DECLARATION

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO a new nation was brought forth in this land, dedicated to independence, to equal human rights, to opposition toward every tyranny over the mind of man, and to the proposition that all people, with free access to information, have within them the inherent ability to govern themselves.

When a nation so conceived in liberty reaches its 200th year, it seems proper for its people to give an accounting of their stewardship and, in decent regard for the opinions of mankind, make a new Declaration of their resolves for their Third Century of Independence.

LET IT BE KNOWN, therefore, that in 1976, as in 1776, we hold certain truths to be self-evident; that all persons are created equal in rights, among them the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In pursuance of these truths, we have preserved and enlarged human rights, encouraged the growth of agriculture, industry and commerce for ourselves and for others, maintained a legislature representative of the wishes of the sovereign people, and assured so far as humanly possible the fair administration of justice.

We assemble in this Bicentennial period to recall and review the unfolding history of a people governing themselves; a people drawn from the entire world, diverse in heritages and outlooks and problems transformed by the chemistry of shared aspirations into a dynamic, changing, evolving and giving society, pursuing the continual improvement of the human condition.

We here and now reaffirm the promise of the Declaration of Independence as the surest guide to our Third Century of Independence. We reaffirm that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are inalienable rights of all Americans, and, to the extent they wish these benefits for themselves, for all mankind.

On the occasion of our 200th anniversary of independence, we reassert the peoples' rights to freedom of speech, the press and of all communication; the right to exercise religion and worship according to one's own conscience; the right to peaceably assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances; the right to remain secure against unreasonable searches and seizures and any manner of intervention that violates personal privacy; and the continuing right of a sovereign people to govern themselves through representatives and chief executives of their own choosing. We, at the same time, affirm that the rights of each one do not extend to the violation of the rights of any others or to the impairment of the whole society within which our rights alone are secure. As we improve the human environment for all in our Third Century of Independence, we shall enlarge each one's opportunity to achieve personal goals and aspirations.

Upholding these self-evident truths and in these proved beliefs, we look toward our own and the world's future with faith that our tomorrow will be better than all our yesterdays. In our Third Century of Independence we foresee an expansion of peoples' freedom of thought, an evolution of new concepts, and an era of peaceful change, not away from self-evident truths or human rights, but toward a human environment that will afford all people lives which are more fulfilling.

WE, THEREFORE, citizens of the United States of America, do reaffirm the enduring purposes of the Declaration of Independence and, with our trust in God, pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor to continuing and enlarging those purposes in our Third Century of Independence.

Drafted by,

Donald L. Miller
Washington, D.C.
June 19, 1974

WORLD



LAUREATE

CULTURAL LAUREATE FOUNDATION, INC.

2030 North Lincoln Street, Arlington, Virginia 22207 telephone (703) 524-5552

ALLEN E. TURNER
PRESIDENT

June 27th, 1974

Ms. Becky L. Schergens
Assistant Director Special Projects
Office of the Secretary
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Ms. Schergens:

Enclosed are certain correspondence which I hope will stimulate a re-examination of the relevance of the Laureate programs to the Department of Education which you serve.

You may confirm with Mr. Hugh Hall that the Laureate program will be on the first agenda of Mr. Warner's Bicentennial Council following its Presidential appointment. The Arts, the Sciences, the Humanities, and other federal agencies have now all responded affirmatively to the Laureate programs; HEW remains the only holdout, which leaves us consternated and alarmed for those in the general academic and educational community, one of the prime beneficiaries, interested parties and intellectual and cultural groups of the nation, for HEW should be closely representing their interest in this proposed program.

We are now prepared to concentrate our efforts on convincing HEW that this Bicentennial program also belongs to them.

Please let us know your present position on relevance for we certainly do not desire to contend, and we are certain that somewhere in the Department is a friendly open door, interested in the concept and its Bicentennial applications.

Cordially,

Allen E. Turner
President

CC:
Honorable Anne Armstrong
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Robert Miller
The White House



Datelined for the Bicentennial

CC:

Mr. Andrew Wahlquist
The White House

Honorable Julia Butler Hansen
House of Representatives

Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Jr.
United States Senate

Honorable Jacob K. Javits
United States Senate

Honorable Roman L. Hruska
United States Senate

Honorable Strom Thurmond
United States Senate

Honorable William L. Scott
United States Senate

Honorable Joel T. Broyhill
House of Representatives

Honorable M. Caldwell Butler
House of Representatives

Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State

Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of HEW

Dr. Sidney P. Marland, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for Education
Department of HEW

Commissioner, Office of Education
Department of HEW

Mr. William Weld
National Endowment for the Arts

Dr. R. Lynn Carroll
National Science Foundation

Mr. Richard Stephens
National Science Foundation

Honorable John Richardson, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for Education
and Cultural Affairs
Department of State

Honorable John O. Marsh
Office of the Vice President

Honorable Leonard Garment
The White House





AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20276
(202) 382-1776

June 11, 1974

Mr. Allen E. Turner
President
Cultural Laureate Foundation, Inc.
2030 North Lincoln Street
Arlington, Virginia 22207

Dear Mr. Turner:

I have been calling 524-5552 in hopes of reaching you to advise that Mr. Warner will meet with you.

If you would be kind enough to call Herb Hetu on 382-1776 he will arrange a time that is mutually convenient.

Sincerely,

Hugh A. Hall
Assistant Administrator



NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR
THE ARTS

WASHINGTON
D.C. 20506



A Federal agency advised by the
National Council on the Arts

June 10, 1974

Mr. Allen Turner
President
Cultural Laureate Foundation, Inc.
Arlington, VA 22207

Dear Mr. Turner:

I am sorry to have been so long in replying to your letters of April 25 and May 20. My delay has been occasioned by several absences from Washington and the resulting pressures of work during the periods when I was in my office.

In the meantime, your letter of May 20, 1974 has been forwarded to me for reply, since Miss Hanks is recuperating from a long illness and the date of her return is still uncertain. In the responses below to the questions you raise in your letter to Miss Hanks, I have sometimes referred to Endowment policy, and have sometimes expressed opinions. In the latter cases, the opinions are mine, though I have tried to reflect views which I believe would represent accurately the position of the Chairman.

As I believe I told you when we met here, I do not find any conflict between the objectives of the National Endowment for the Arts and the purposes of the Cultural Laureate Foundation, although clearly the scope and operation of the Cultural Laureate's proposed program are quite dissimilar to those of this Endowment.

Individual members of the Endowment staff are in contact, on a regular basis, with arts organizations of all kinds; and the Endowment works closely with the state arts agencies. The Endowment does not, however, have a regular mechanism--such as a newsletter--for communicating with or disseminating information to arts organizations across the country.



June 10, 1974

I am not an authority on awards which are made in the arts, sciences and humanities; but I am aware of no program in which awards are made at state, national or international levels "in the name of the American people," as proposed by the Cultural Laureate Foundation. The National Endowment for the Arts, as I assume you know, makes a large number of grants each year, both to organizations and to individuals. The grants are competitive in the sense that the Endowment always receives more qualified applications for a particular category of grant than it can accommodate with available funds, but the Endowment makes no attempt to select and honor "the best" performer in any given field. Perhaps closer in concept to the Cultural Laureate idea are the award programs of such organizations as the National Institute of Arts and Letters and the Nobel and Pulitzer Foundations. I assume that you have considered how your activity would complement or supplement what is done by such already-established institutions.

As you say in your letter to Miss Hanks, what you propose is "epic"; it is therefore something which cannot be quickly or easily realized. I can foresee, as I know you have, many practical problems which you will have to overcome before it becomes operative: the recruitment of qualified selectors at each level; the coordination of the Cultural Laureate awards with other similar initiatives; the raising of funds to support such an ambitious endeavor, etc. In theory, I see no reason why these and other problems cannot, as you put it, "be resolved in a positive manner by people of good will and intelligence so that our nation may have the Cultural Laureate program as a feature of the Bicentennial observances in 1976." In practice, I must regretfully admit to grave doubts that you can successfully surmount all the obstacles to realization of your plans in the brief period now remaining before our Bicentennial year.

On the question of having Miss Hanks or a member of her staff become a "founder" of the Cultural Laureate Foundation, this Endowment's answer must be the same as that given by Dr. Kingston, of the National Endowment for the Humanities, in his letter of May 16, 1974. The National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities are governed by the same concerns on matters of this nature.



Mr. Allen Turner

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June 10, 1974

In reply to the sixth, and last, of the questions in your letter to Miss Hanks, let me summarize what I trust has emerged from the previous paragraphs of this communication. It appears to me that the Cultural Laureate Awards Program does not conflict with the objectives of the National Endowment for the Arts. My reservations about it are less in the area of the program's aims than in the area of the implementation of those aims. If these problems can be successfully resolved, I believe the program may become a welcome addition to our country's cultural life.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Weld, Jr.

W.E. Weld, Jr.
Bicentennial Coordinator

CC to: John Schonleber
Hugh Hall
Leonard Garment



30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10020

Room 5600

Circle 7-3700

May 23, 1974

Mr. Donald L. Miller
Vice President
Cultural Laureate Foundation, Inc.
2030 North Lincoln Street
Arlington, Virginia 22207

Dear Mr. Miller:

Mr. John D. Rockefeller 3rd has asked me to respond to your letter of May 9th. We couldn't agree more with your first paragraph about the need for private sector response and the more visual demonstration of the point which you sent to Mr. Rockefeller: "Don't throw in the sponge on the Bicentennial." I take a great delight in showing that to visitors to my office.

We are doing our best to prod the foundations and corporations to become interested in the Bicentennial. Mr. Rockefeller will limit himself to two major national projects (the American Issues Forum and a plan for stimulating community goal-setting in some ten to twenty cities) and to continuing to communicate about the Bicentennial.

We have had such a tremendous number of requests from people who either want to see Mr. Rockefeller or get financial support from him that we have had to make a firm decision to limit his involvement in the manner I have just described. We are trying to get the private sector moving and yet everybody seems to think that Mr. Rockefeller is the private sector.

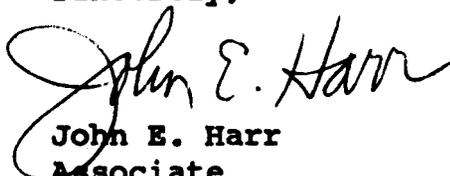
One of the things we are going to do in the communications side is to expand the circulation of the monthly publication USA-200 which you may have seen. On that score I think we should do a story on the Cultural Laureate idea whenever you think the time is right for that. If you want to do that please send me some descriptive materials and I will get back to you with any questions that I have.



We wish you success in your own endeavor and thank you for your interest in the Bicentennial.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Harr". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

John E. Harr
Associate

John D. Rockefeller 3rd

enc.



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Honorable John O. Marsh
Office of the Vice President
The White House
Washington, D.C.





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Boston, Massachusetts 02109

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July 16, 1972

Mr. Donald H. Miller,
Arlington, Virginia.
Dear Mr. Miller:

I received your
recent letter of July 3rd,
with enclosed copy
of report on the
with special interest.
Your "Third Century
Declaration" represents deep
thought and sound vision,
and also wisdom.
With kind regards,
I am

Sincerely,
John W. McCormack

P.S. Tom Donnelly called
me the other day and
told me of your letter

and enclosure regarding same
to him over the telephone.
He spoke very highly of
you.

JW



August 14, 1975

Dear Don:

Many thanks for your letter of August 7 and your report with regard to your conversation with Allen Turner.

I am glad we had the opportunity to get together again.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Donald L. Miller
309 Green Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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DONALD L. MILLER
309 GREEN STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

AUG 11 1975

August 7, 1975

The Honorable
John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Jack:

I deeply appreciate the amount of time you were able to give the meeting on Tuesday.

I discussed all of the pertinent topics we covered with Allen and he is in agreement that now is the time for all of us to work together to build a significant institution of which you and I and the entire nation can be proud for decades to come.

Thank you again for your understanding and for your helpfulness in this matter.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Miller



DONALD L. MILLER
309 GREEN STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

The Honorable
John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*

Jack, I spoke with Ted Marrs re Cultural Laureate program (I had given Ted a memo on this subject about a week ago...I have known Don Miller personally for 14 years). Ted plans to hold a meeting in the very near future to include himself, Milt Mitler, Bob Goldwin, Rourke, Don Miller, you (if you are available). He does not plan to invite Alan Turner, with whom he has had some difficulty (similar to our own...rather demanding... "I spoke with the President, and he told me to set up a meeting with Jack Marsh, etc.").

Ted thinks the program basically is a good one, but believes that Turner would goof it up.

Will report to you further after our meeting.

(The meeting mentioned about has now been scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 1975 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 103.)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

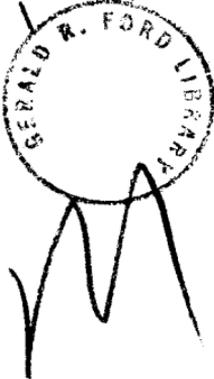
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WASHINGTON

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WASHINGTON

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Laureate file



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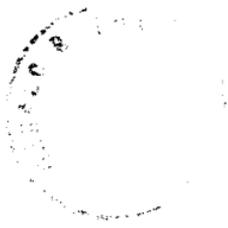
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jack -

Please see the
attached copy of
my letter of
8 July to Don
Miller -
R.



JUL 14 1975



CULTURAL LAUREATE FOUNDATION, INC.

2030 North Lincoln Street, Arlington, Virginia 22207 telephone (703) 524-5552

ALLEN E. TURNER
PRESIDENT

July 12, 1975

The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

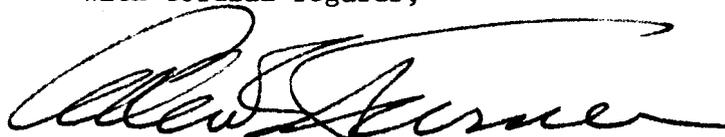
Dear Mr. Marsh:

I do not know how to effectively say that you may be delaying our meaningful Bicentennial effort on behalf of the nation.

The President instructed me in April to get in touch with you to arrange a meeting to brief him on Cultural Laureate Foundation progress. Accordingly we have met with Dr. Theodore C. Marrs of your staff and he reports he has recommended the meeting.

I do urge you to look into this matter without delay, and advise us immediately if the President is or is not going to meet with us. It is important that we proceed with knowledge of the Presidents interest in our American Revolution Bicentennial Board approved programs.

With cordial regards,



Allen E. Turner

Enclosure



Datelined for the Bicentennial

July 12, 1975

Mr. Marsh:

Two prints of the Smithsonian Centennial medallion are enclosed, one of which has been updated for suggested Congressional enactment to national Bicentennial flag status.

ARBA's flag can only be flown at approved program locations. Every American should have a Bicentennial flag to fly.

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Figure

Embroidery

C-A. 1876

China

Silk

Red, white and blue
and brown

Embroidered in heavy color with brown eagle. Flags and shield in national colors. Made in last quarter of 19th Century, probably for the Centennial of 1876.

From the private collection of Bolseau Mastar

A Smithsonian Artifact

Framed by William Lane, Craftsman to the White House
Kennedy Administration





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UNUM.

American Revolution
Bicentennial Administration
2401 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20276



June 24, 1975

Mr. Allen E. Turner
President, Cultural Laureate
Foundation, Inc.
2030 North Lincoln Street
Arlington, Virginia 22207

Dear Mr. Turner:

This is in response to your recent letter requesting my views regarding action by the U.S. Congress on the Third Century Declaration prepared under the auspices of the Cultural Laureate Foundation, Inc.

I will applaud any Bicentennial initiatives of the Congress, including that of the Third Century Declaration and any other Bicentennial action or initiative.

In the Spirit of '76,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Warner", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John W. Warner
Administrator



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WE, THEREFORE, citizens of the United States of America, do reaffirm the enduring purposes of the Declaration of Independence and, with our trust in God, pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor to continuing and enlarging those purposes in our Third Century of Independence.

Drafted by,

Donald L. Miller
Washington, D.C.
June 19, 1974

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Hand delivered attached to John
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directly.

RR



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 28, 1975

~~SECRET~~
Turner,
Allen
Turner,
Allen

MEMO TO: JACK MARSH
FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*

Allen Turner says he spoke with the President the other night at the dinner in Virginia, regarding the Cultural Laureate program. He called to arrange an appointment with the President for the purpose of briefing him on his program, and to present him with a little flag. The President suggested he get in touch with you. Basically then, Allen called to request you to arrange a meeting with the President for the aforementioned purposes. Turner is convinced "the President is looking for something to unite the country, and my program is the vehicle through which this can be accomplished".

Your advice?

Ted MARRS

To JOM

Date 4-28 Time 4:05

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M. Allen Turner
of Cultural Lorette Foundation

Phone 524-5552

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Message _____

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July 8, 1975

Dear Don:

Many thanks for your letter of June 30 and your detailed discussion of certain facets of your Cultural Laureate program.

As you correctly suggest in your letter, Ted Marrs has been designated as the preeminent White House operative for Bicentennial affairs. For that reason, Jack Marsh properly referred the Cultural Laureate matter to Ted.

In response to your letter, I am contacting Ted Marrs directly. I shall ask Ted or a member of his staff to get back to you with a final report on the requested meeting with the President.

I hope you and Norma have a great time on your visit to England.

With warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Russell A. Rourke
Deputy to Presidential Counsellor,
John O. Marsh, Jr.

Mr. Donald L. Miller
309 Green Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
RAR:cb



July 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: TED MARRS
FROM: RUSS ROURKE

I have known Don Miller on a professional basis for many years. He's a former Naval Intelligence Officer. Very conservative. Anything you choose to do, or not do, with the attached, will be just fine with me.

Thanks.
RAR:db

JUN 30 1975

DONALD L. MILLER
309 GREEN STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

June 30, 1975

Mr. Russell A. Rourke
Administrative Assistant to
Hon. John O. Marsh Jr.
The White House
Washington, D.C.



Dear Russ:

In proof reading a new ~~Federal-State-Local-Government~~ Directory one of my little companies is publishing I read your name and enjoyed a moment of pleasure. How amazing are the turnings of the paths of life!

Since talking with last I have been around the world again - Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, but also South Vietnam (just as it was falling) and Laos, and back thru Europe. A private citizen on business of sorts sees the world in much more human terms than the government official, a point I once made to Bryce Harlow who seemed very unimpressed by it.

It was obvious to me in March and April, as it is to some others now, that those who prefer the western to the socialist or the communist order of things are retreating all over the world. The scene reminds me of efforts some years ago to bring Charles Malik here.

All the great struggles that have been made and lost. Well, I am in the midst of another which I hope to win, not for my sake, but for the country. Some years ago a few of us got behind the Cultural Laureate Foundation, an imaginative program to designate high achievers in every useful field of knowledge as Laureates and, so, focus American attention upon positive achievement in our society rather upon negative criticism.

Nearly everyone likes the concept. The American Revolution Bicentennial Board has encouraged us officially. John Warner recently let us know he would applaud action by the Congress on one of our initiatives - The Third Century Declaration. The National Association of Realtors will support us nationally. A new Board member is the wife of a former president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, currently an advisor to the Reynolds Metals family.

(| A short while ago the CLF President, Allen Turner, talked with the President at a dinner in the Marriott. The upshot was that President Ford asked Allen to arrange with Jack Marsh for a meeting with the President in the White House. Jack turned the

DONALD L. MILLER
309 GREEN STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

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matter over to Ted Marrs. Allen and I and another associate, Jason Stern had a good talk with Dr. Marrs. As the result, Dr. Marrs sent our request for a meeting with President Ford to whomever gets such requests along with his recommendation for it.

Meanwhile, Russ, the President of the National Association of Realtors, Mrs. Rice, the wife of the former U.S. Chamber President, and several others have come to regard a brief meeting with the President for his private blessing on their efforts as very important. They see the President kicking a soccer ball with Pele and wonder when the President will meet with them.

It would be most helpful if we could get a decision that the President will meet with a few people briefly on the Cultural Laureate or will not. Either way it would clear the decks for everyone to move ahead.

All we want is a response.

Incidentally, I'll be off to England July 5 after my annual July 4 visit to Mt. Vernon. Norma and I will be there for about two weeks going to the theatre and doing a little work on a Bicentennial travel/cultural exchange program.

Sometime, I'd very much like to get together with you for some old times talk.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,



296-4870

548-2140



January 31, 1975

Dear Don:

Thank you for your letter of January 27 and your report on your meeting with ARBA with regard to the Cultural Laureate program.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Donald L. Miller
Vice President
Cultural Laureate Foundation
309 Green Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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January 27, 1975

The Honorable
John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jack:

I thought you would be interested in the outcome of our Cultural Laureate confrontation with the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

The discussions with John Warner, Dr. Squires, Senator Brooke and the others took a great deal of our time and theirs, but that is the American system. We hammered out the issue on the anvil of debate.

As a consequence the American Revolution Bicentennial Board unanimously voted the enclosed resolution commending and encouraging the Laureate as having potential etc.

In discussions with Dr. Squires, Hugh Hall, Gene Skora and John Warner, Dr. Squires suggested that when the Laureate is a bit farther along, we could come back for official recognition.

We are happy, and I personally want to thank you for everything you did to assure us a fair hearing.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

DM
Donald L. Miller
Vice President
Cultural Laureate Fdn.



R - sent copy to T. Mann
Very brief add. in

DONALD L. MILLER
309 GREEN STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

January 27, 1975

The Honorable
John W. Warner
Administrator
American Revolution Bicentennial Administration
736 Jackson Place N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20276

Dear Mr. Warner:

Since I carried the burden of the presentations on the Cultural Laureate program, I want to thank you, especially, for your ready willingness to listen to us, and for the ultimate fairness of your judgment.

ARBA's mission of encouraging whatever celebrates the USA, recalls its past, projects its future, and improves its environment (intellectual as well as material, I would hope) is fulfilled in the decision on the Laureate.

On our part we pledge mutual cooperation toward making this a meaningful Bicentennial.

As a personal note, I was pleased to note that you are about to become an honored member of our Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Company.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Miller
Vice President
Cultural Laureate Foundation

✓ CC: Hon. John O. Marsh, Jr.



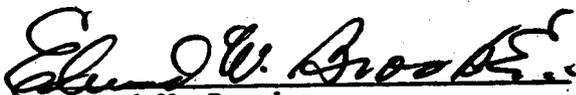
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Cultural Laureate Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, has applied to the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration for official recognition for a nationwide program of Cultural Laureate awards for excellence in various fields; and

WHEREAS, The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration cannot by policy accord official recognition to programs which are primarily award-granting programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Revolution Bicentennial Board commends the individual initiatives which developed the concept of the Cultural Laureate program. The Board feels it is in the spirit of the national commemoration and encourages the further development of the program as having the potential for making a meaningful contribution to the Bicentennial and to the nation as it enters its third century.

The Resolution was moved, seconded and passed at a meeting of the Board on January 22, 1975.



Edward W. Brooke
Chairman, Pro Tem



Eugene J. Skora
Secretary

