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Taping:

National Alliance of Businessmen's Youth

Motivation Task Force

January 8, 1976
EACH YEAR, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG

PEOPLE GAIN THEIR INITIAL EXPERIENCE IN THE WORKING WORLD

THROUGH PART-TIME JOBS PROVIDED BY PRIVATE EMPLOYERS.
SINCE 1968, THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BUSINESSMEN HAS ENCOURAGED EMPLOYERS TO COOPERATE WITH EDUCATORS IN DEVELOPING PROGRAMS TO HELP DISADVANTAGED YOUNG PEOPLE ENTER THE ADULT LABOR FORCE. I COMMEND THAT EFFORT.
MORE THAN FOUR AND A HALF MILLION STUDENTS HAVE

BENEFITED FROM THIS PROGRAM. PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT

IS THE FACT THAT MANY OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ABLE

TO OVERCOME THE HANDICAPS OF POVERTY AND BECOME

PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS IN OUR SOCIETY.
BUT THE FUTURE CALLS FOR EVEN GREATER EFFORTS.

THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY YOUNG AMERICANS WHO ARE PREVENTED

FROM ENJOYING THE REWARDING AND THE PRODUCTIVE CAREERS

WHICH OUR FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM CAN PROVIDE.
As we enter our third century as a nation, let us give special attention to these objectives:

-- Providing national leadership aimed at achieving greater cooperation between industry and education;
-- STIMULATING BUSINESS SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT

IN CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS;

-- DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT ENABLE

EDUCATORS AND BUSINESS LEADERS TO PREPARE STUDENTS MORE

EFFECTIVELY FOR CAREERS IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.
WE OWE A SPECIAL DEBT OF GRATITUDE IN THIS NATION TO BOTH THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BUSINESSMEN AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE ALLIANCE PROGRAM FOR THEIR DILIGENT EFFORTS TO -- AS THE WORDS OF THEIR OWN SLOGAN SUGGESTS -- "HELP AMERICA WORK."

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