

United States Senate

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Dr. and Mrs. David Singer and Family
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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Singer, Ryan, and Taylor,

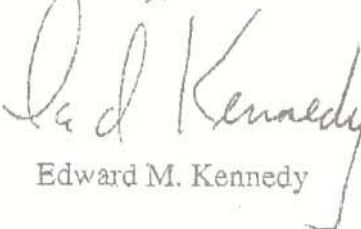
I regret that I am unable to be with you today as you dedicate the Brooks Thomsen Singer Performance Center. What a wonderful tribute to your son and brother, Brooks, that you have chosen to remember him in this way.

Brooks was an extraordinary young man who graced your lives for too brief a time. He was wise beyond his years, understanding at an early age the universal truth that our common humanity should guide our approach to life. His compassion and sensitivity were beacons that drew others to him. He inspired them through his words and deeds, and his mark upon their lives is indelible. In Brooks, they found the purest form of friendship and felt the deepest love.

President Kennedy believed that "children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." There is no better example of the truth of this statement than Brooks. By honoring him through the establishment of this Center, you live out the promise of his life and celebrate not just the exceptional young man he was, but also the outstanding man he would have become.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely,



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