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The journey that Washington Week 2010 took me on was amazing. Meeting people that I never would have imagine seeing in person in my teenage years made me speechless. I was and still am glad of being apart of a wonderful class of 104 amazing people. They brought the level of success with them to Washington and set it high for the entire week through the conversation, debates, and even the questions asked to many speakers.

The lists of speakers that we heard all week were superb. They showed me why they hold the specific title of position that they serve their country in. They all had insight into every part of the job and more, even taking the time to breakdown many parts of the daily duties in order for my fellow delegate and I to have a better understanding of what it takes to be a successful person in their shoes.

My favorite three speakers of the week were Chief Judge, Robert H. Henry, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court , Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Brian Lamb, President and CEO of C-SPAN, and President of the United States Barack Obama. Judge Henry was one of my top speakers for all of the wisdom he shed on me. He was a relaxed person and used scriptures from the Bible to interpret his message of how he comes to conclusions on a lot of his situations. Justice Sotomayor was one of my top speakers because for me it was amazing to see another minority say that race had no factor in her life and that it was not an obstacle that would

sidetrack her from what she was trying to achieve in life. It truly warmed my heart to hear those words from someone as strong and powerful as her. She also shed light on the fact that even though she is an associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, she has never forgotten where she truly has come from. Brian Lamb made me think of all the good knowledge I had gained from my week in Washington. I took from his speech that no matter what I do in life I can never forget the opportunity I have received, seeing the ins and outs of Washington. The most anticipated speaker of the week was President of the United States Mr. Barack Obama. He spread lots of words of wisdom. I love his life motto, even though it is a historic one, it fit him perfectly. He truly made me see why I was chosen as a delegate to the United States Youth Senate Program 2010.

Even though all the fun and knowledge filled times had to come to an end, I truly am grateful for those who spoke to us during the week. I was very grateful for the military mentors and all the guidance they gave to the delegate during the week. But if it were not for the Hearst foundation and its staff that treated us like kings and queens this trip would not have been the same.