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Mr. Speaker, I insert the following regarding the Leadership Training Institute.
Mr. President, it is commendable that the Leadership Training Institute (LTI) is committed to advancing patriotic values in America's youth and preparing them to lead authoritatively with a Biblical world view.

I am proud of the young Oklahomans participating in this program, and it is with pleasure that I recognize the Leadership Training Institute as it challenges America's youth to strive to be leaders with American virtues at all cost.

America has been blessed with forefathers of outstanding virtues, which has strengthened our contested role in the world. Decay of our National Leadership, though, will necessarily knock us out of a leading position. America's leaders must do more than simply "get the job" because they are the moral pace setters for both our great nation and our allies.

Programs that guide youth in setting the highest standards for their lives are essential to continuing morality in our culture.

The Leadership Training Institute originated in Arkansas and draws support across many states, including my home state of Oklahoma. LTI is committed to training youth in principles that have produced some of America's greatest leaders. Loyalty, integrity, and honesty are the cornerstone values of the LTI curriculum.

The activities and curricula of LTI are designed to familiarize today's youth with the moral underpinnings of America's founding fathers and equip them with the scientific reasoning that our society demands. The prominence of God's role in our Nation's foundation was recognized by General George Washington: "I am sure that <there> never was a people, who had more reason to recognize divine interposition in their affairs, than those of the United States; and I should be pained to believe that they have forgotten that agency, which was so often manifested during our Revolution."

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