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To Whom it May Concern,

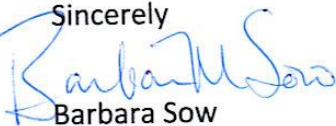
I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity afforded to our child, Omar Sow, to participate in the Junior Ambassador's program sponsored by Mrs. Paulette Reed in 2009-2010. This program offered a variety of experiences and exposure to different cultural activities, including a Jewish Seder, a Japanese meal, and various Senegalese and American traditional events.

The group was composed of a well rounded group of young adults who were eager to learn and participate in collective work. The emphasis on discipline, team work, and mutual respect was very appropriate for this age group and their experiences helped to inculcate these key values.

I would recommend this experience in other school and community settings where there is a diverse group of young adults. This program helps them to open up and share their own experiences and learn from others, all the while focusing on positive behavior and respect.

I would like to especially recognize Mrs. Reed's inspiring leadership for these young adults. As the US Ambassador so aptly described her, the "iron mentor", she holds very high expectations for these Junior Ambassadors but makes sure that they achieve their very best, thereby helping them develop the tools and self confidence they need to succeed.

Sincerely



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