

## TRIBUTE FROM A FELLOW BULL"DAWG"

Dear Ronnie,

I am speaking to you on behalf of all the GRSP students who benefited from your excellent chairmanship, and in the name of all the poor students who will have to deal with a Tech Chairman from now on.

Thank you for contributing so greatly in making our Program one of the finest in the world. Thank you for being open and available to all of us, regardless of how busy your two billion commitments made you. God knows how hard committed men are to find nowadays!

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to make informed choices about our studies, our careers, and ourselves. Some came as underwater basket-weaving students and left as convinced golf players. Thank you for the best year of our lives, so far, and for all the wonderful memories we brought back home, along with tons of books, Braves memorabilia, GRSP pins and extra pounds.

Thank you for allowing us to meet great people from all over the world, overcome lots of preconceived ideas about them (by the way, we French girls DO shave our legs), and make lifelong friends out of quite a few of them. Because of GRSP, there were 12 nationalities represented at my wedding last year!

The GRSP program is made up of many special people who wish to give students of the world the opportunity of getting some of the best education available, while learning to appreciate the wonderful South, and its fried chicken and grits (that last one was a tough ordeal for most of us).

You were the one who coordinated everybody's efforts and allowed the Program to grow and flourish. Dear Ronnie, you made the most out of your years as GRSP Chairman, just as we made the most out of our year in Georgia. For this, and all the great things you, your fellow Rotarians and all the people involved with the Program accomplished -

**"Merci Beaucoup... We Love You... Go Dawgs...!"**

Anne-Lise Boyer-Naar  
France  
Class of 1991-92



*Anne-Lise Boyer-Naar was a member of the Class of 1991-92 and was selected as one of 13 students to represent GRSP and Georgia Rotary at the Rotary International Convention in Orlando; Anne-Lise speaks 5 languages. She attended the University of Georgia, majoring in media and broadcasting. Upon returning to Paris, she was selected for a job with the U.N. out of 500 applicants, largely because of her GRSP experience. In September 1995, she was married to Frederic Naar and lives in Milan, Italy.*

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Rotary Student Program was founded in 1946 and is celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Rotary Student Program has grown and prospered due to the devoted "Service Above Self" efforts of its officers, trustees and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, a strong, devoted leader is imperative to the success of an organization; and

WHEREAS, JOHN R. "RONNIE" WALLER became a member of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, Georgia, U.S.A. in 1972; and

WHEREAS, RONNIE WALLER has faithfully and dutifully served the Georgia Rotary Student Program, its officers, trustees and students since he was appointed in 1978 by his mentor, District Governor Dan Reed; and

WHEREAS, RONNIE WALLER became a member of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, Inc. and became its Chairman in 1989; and

WHEREAS, RONNIE WALLER has exhibited exceptional leadership qualities throughout his tenure as Trustee and Chairman; and

WHEREAS, RONNIE WALLER has successfully completed a reorganization of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, its By-Laws and its student selection process; and

WHEREAS, RONNIE WALLER has encouraged and promoted the establishment of an endowment organization for the Georgia Rotary Student Program; and

WHEREAS, RONNIE WALLER has managed the Georgia Rotary Student Program to a strong financial position; and

WHEREAS, RONNIE WALLER has lead the Georgia Rotary Student Program to new levels of growth in the number of participating students and the countries represented; and

WHEREAS, RONNIE WALLER has served with competence, distinction, and decisive leadership; and

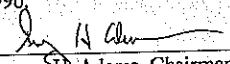
WHEREAS, RONNIE WALLER has demonstrated his unwavering commitment and dedication to the ideals of "Service Above Self" and "World Peace Through Understanding" and, likewise, so inspired the officers and trustees of the Georgia Rotary Student Program; and

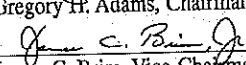
WHEREAS, RONNIE WALLER has gained the respect, admiration and love of countless GRSP students during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, after his long, faithful and inspiring service, RONNIE WALLER has chosen to retire from active service on said Board and as its Chairman of the Corporation;

Now, **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, Inc. do recognize, applaud and thank JOHN R. "RONNIE" WALLER for his eighteen years of distinguished service as a Trustee and hereby designate RONNIE WALLER, Chairman-Emeritus of the Georgia Rotary Student Program.

This 11th day of October, 1996.

  
Gregory H. Adams, Chairman

  
James C. Brim, Vice-Chairman