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TO: Diana Russell-Milton, National Ambassador

Jeanette D. Garcia, Department President of New Mexico

In this promotional research I found a copy of The Pledge of Allegiance I remembered seeing and hearing when I was in high school. I remember it giving me goose bumps as I heard Red Skelton recite it. At the time Americanism was on the fore thought of most American citizens, due to our troops being involved in Vietnam.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY Red Skelton

I—Me; an individual; a committee of one.

Pledge—Dedicate all of my worldly good to give without self-pity.

Allegiance—My love and my devotion.

To the Flag—Our standard, “Old Glory”; a symbol of Freedom. And wherever she waves, there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts “Freedom is everybody’s job.”

Of The United—That means we have all come together.

States—Individual communities that have united into 48 great states; 48 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided by imaginary boundaries, yet united in a common cause, and that is love of country, of America.

And to the Republic—A Republic: a sovereign state in which power is invested into the representatives chosen by the people to govern; and the government is the people; and its from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands

One Nation—meaning “so blessed by God”.

Indivisible—incapable of being divided.

With Liberty—Which is freedom; the right of power for one to live his own life without fears, threats, or any sort of retaliation.

And Justice – The principal and qualities of dealing fairly with others.

For All—For all. That means, boys and girls, it’s as much your country as it is mine.

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance; “Under God.” Wouldn’t it be a pity if someone said, “That is a Prayer” -- and that be eliminated from our schools, too.

Red Skelton told this on the Red Skelton show on January 14,1969. Red Skelton credited this to his principal, Mr. Lasswell of Vincennes High School.

Proud to be an American

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