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Dear Mr. Principal and students,

Although I did not have the privilege of knowing Mrs. McAuliffe, teacher and astronaut, I feel I have witnessed a remarkable person through the medium of the televised account of the tragedy.

The energy, commitment and vitality she brought to her profession literally was evident in her speech and gesture. Her loss is a great one to you all, yet I am sure she would want you to think upon the positive.

Her life example was one of striving for excellence. Her professionalism spoke in absolute terms of what one can do with a life based on honesty, goal-setting and love for her fellow human beings. Her "highs" were achieved by commitment & endeavour, bringing her much joy, and in turn, bringing you a teacher who helped you expand your own horizons. Mourn her loss, for that is correct & right. Then take action & do not forget her idealism & love of life. You too have your contribution to make based on her example.

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Sincerely,
Francene Cooman.