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JAMES R. MACKAY  
MAYOR

February 20, 1986

Doug Leech, Chairmen  
Concord Round Table  
PO Box 14050  
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Benoni 1518  
South Africa

Dear Mr. Leech:

I would like to thank you sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy in the tragic loss of Concord's Christa McAuliffe and the other six space shuttle Challenger astronauts.

Concord was, such a short time ago, readied for a celebration. We watched in expectation of success as our neighbor, teacher and friend lifted off on her historic mission. Expectation was turned to horror and heartfelt grief by the tragic event which unfolded before our eyes and those of much of the nation and world who were watching with us. We remain in disbelief that her hope and ours could be so suddenly stilled.

Our pride in this remarkable person is undiminished. It will never change. Her spirit and courage lives with us. Her students, so touched, will not forget, nor will we.

It is difficult to comprehend that she is gone from us and that the remarkable promise for the future is no longer. Her students, her friends, her community, her nation will survive diminished by the absence of Christa McAuliffe.

Thank you so much for joining us in the difficult task of sadly and regretfully saying good-bye.

Per your request we have forwarded your letter to Concord High School.

Sincerely yours,

*James R. MacKay*  
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Mayor



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The Mayor  
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Dear Sir,

The members of our Table wish to express our sincerest condolences at the recent death of Christa McAuliffe. We are certain that her example in the way she approached life will have a lasting impression on the children in Concord and her ideals will live on.

We ask that the banner accompanying this letter be handed to Concord High School. This small token will remind people that you will never be alone in times of tragedy.

Yours sincerely,

**DOUG LEECH  
CHAIRMAN**

. Tafelronde in Suider Afrika is 'n nie-politieke, nie-denominale vereniging van jong mans in die ouderdomsgroep 18-40, wie se lede feitlik elke profesie en beroep verteenwoordig en wie se doelstellings die aanwakkering van hoe etiese standaarde, die bevordering van sosiale verkeer en kameraadskap tussen jong professionele- en sakemanne, die prikkeling van individuele belangstelling in sake van openbare belang asook die bevordering van gemeenskapsbande tussen mense van verskillende kulturele, taal en politieke agtergrond, insluit."

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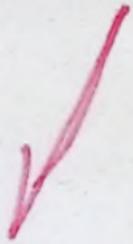
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