HENRI TERMEER PRESENTED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BOSTON’S GOLDEN DOOR AWARD

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I am honored to have this opportunity to congratulate Henri Termeer on receiving the Golden Door Award from the International Institute of Boston. I also congratulate Henri for recently being sworn in as a United States citizen, effective November 29.

As chairman, chief executive officer and president of Genzyme Corporation, one of the largest biotechnology companies in the world, Henri is renowned as a pioneer in the industry. He serves on the board of directors of both the Biotechnology Industry Organization, the industry’s national trade association, and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, a national pharmaceutical trade organization.

It is very fitting, indeed, that Henri was honored with the Golden Door Award, which is presented to U.S. citizens of foreign birth who have made outstanding contributions to American society. Henri is a native of the Netherlands, and in recent years he has received numerous honors such as the Anti-Defamation League of Liberty Award and the Governor’s New American Appreciation Award. He was also recently inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Throughout his career in biotechnology, Henri has been a strong advocate for the responsibility of industry and government to make life-saving drug treatments available to all people in need, regardless of their economic status or geographic location. Under Henri’s leadership, Genzyme has worked diligently over the years to make this vision a reality.

In addition to his commitment to patients, Henri is also a leader in promoting educational opportunities for minorities. Since 1995, he has been a director of the Biomedical Science Careers Project, which provides corporate sponsored scholarships to outstanding minority high school students. In May 1999, the group presented Henri with highest honor, the Hope Award.

Henri’s extensive record of public service includes his role as a director of the Massachusetts Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, as a trustee and vice-chairman of the Boston Museum of Science, and as a member of the Massachusetts Council on Economic Growth and Technology.

In receiving the Golden Door award, Henri joins a distinguished list of previous recipients including Arthur Fiedler, the famed former conductor of the Boston Pops; Jean Meyer, the eminent nutritionist, educator, and former president of Tufts University; and Ang Wang, the founder of Wang Labs.

I commend Henri Termeer for this well-deserved award and for his new American citizenship. Massachusetts is proud of him, and I congratulate him for his many impressive contributions to our Nation.
America—They Came To Be Free

(Leif Holmstrand, Chicago, Illinois)

I dedicate this song to my Farfar (father's father), who came to America from Sweden in 1920. His boat arrived in New York at Ellis Island, where he spent some time. He told me many stories about his trip: friends dying of tuberculosis, lice, over crowding. He went to Nebraska to try farming, but finally settled in Chicago, where he was a fine painter and woodworker.

America, the land of the free;
The immigrants made it strong with their diversity.

First, from England, came the Pilgrims, to worship as they pleased.
Next came the Germans, Irish, the French, the Swedes.
The Finns, the Danes, the Polish and Portuguese.
The Welsh, the Dutch, the Scots and the Chinese.

America, America, they came to be free;
The immigrants made it strong with their diversity.

As indentured servants looking for opportunity,
Stolen from West Africa as slaves without liberty,
They came for land, they came for gold.
From tyranny, War and famine, they fled to this country.

America, America, they came to be free;
The immigrants made it strong with their diversity.

A dangerous, relentless journey across the sea,
The immigrants landed at Ellis Island wanting to be free.

They worked in mines and factories, on farm and railroad,
Men, women, children, they carried a heavy load.
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The IMMIGRANTS made it what it's come to be:
The U.S.A.—proud and free
America, America, America, the land of the free, the immigrants made it strong with their diversity.

Mexico, Korea, Bosnia, the Sudan
From Haiti, the Hondurans, Afghanistan.
They're still coming from many other lands,
They come to America, they want this country.

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