



## *Roots of Peace*

Remarks by Ambassador Joseph Verner Reed

Senator Franz

Shirley and Paul Dean

Heidi and Gary Kühn

Ambassador Vijay Nambiar

Gillian and Ted Sorensen

Colleague Maria Reyes

Excellencies, Honorables and Distinguished Guests

Greetings to one and all at this distinguished gathering.

I salute the leadership and bring good wishes from the Secretary-General BAN Ki-moon.

A special welcome to my Friends Gillian and Ted Sorensen. I salute them. They are very distinguished Americans.

Shirley Dean—you honor me with this special Award—the Global Citizens Award.

I congratulate one and all for Roots of Peace. This is a Dedicated Organization, which has had great success. We wish for continued success!

“Now is our Time”



We of the United Nations—your United Nations are the voice of the voiceless, the defenders of the defenseless.

If we are to offer hope to the hopeless, if we are to truly turn the corner to economic recovery, then we must do so for all nations and all people. So much is possible if we act together. Together, we are here to take risks, to assume the burden of responsibility, to rise to an exceptional moment, to make history.

The Secretary-General and his senior Advisors are leading the World Organization to see the shoreline beyond the rough waters ahead; they seek to come together to serve the common interests of human beings. We work tirelessly for peace and prosperity and security; the preservation of our planet and a global economy that advances opportunity for all people.

Every Day the United Nations works to solve global Challenges...

Provides food to 108 million people in 74 countries

Keeps peace with 116,000 peacekeepers (the Blue Helmets) in 17 operations on 4 continents

Monitors, promotes, protects and develops human rights worldwide

Because we are the United Nations. The United Nations is the best hope for mankind

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