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November 6, 1989

Prof. Walter Capps  
1724 Santa Barbara Street  
Santa Barbara, CA. 93101

Dear Walter:

I received your card from Washington just as I was about to write you a letter for arrival for what I thought would be your homecoming from Russia. I simply can't rightly express how grateful I am for your untiring commitment to helping Mary and Brian make a success of my Eightieth. The time and effort you expended on our behalf was most assuredly beyond any "call" of friendship or reciprocity. Remembering also what you did for us at the time of Irving's death, and all through the years in so many big and little ways, nothing I can say now seems adequate to express my appreciation. The whole of last week-end was the highlight of my life. I'll never forget any part of it, including what you did in making the arrangements— for the hall, the taping, being moderator, the Chancellor's welcome... and to top it all, MCing the party with such grace and warmth—and the crowning touch, the book! My cup runneth over...

I hope to see you before long so I can tell you again in person.

With love and eternal gratitude,



P.S. It's about time for me to know your plans for the winter quarter courses. Are you continuing both? If so, count on my same commitments. No word yet from Rochester...?

Eulah C. Laucks  
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# NOMINATION FORM

Re:

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Here is a copy of the nomination form and letter which I want to send you at the time I mailed the packet. Forgive the oversight! Love, Eulah

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## NOMINATING PROCEDURE:

To be considered as a candidate for the Joseph C. Wilson Award an individual must be a citizen of the United States who has made a significant contribution to the peaceful resolution of international problems.

Complete all information requested on this nomination form (please type or print clearly) and return to:

The candidate chosen for this honor must agree to accept the award in person at a ceremony to be held in Rochester, New York.

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55 St. Paul Street  
Rochester, New York 14604

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## CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

Name: PROF. WALTER H. CAPPS  
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Telephone ( 803 ) 569-2636

1989  
Professional & Civic Honors: Corita Kent Peace Award  
(Sponsor & date awarded) Sponsor: Immaculate Heart College Center. (See newsclip attached);

Personal References (2):  
Name: Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling  
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NOMINATION for National Professor of the Year:  
1986-87, 1987-88; 1988-89. Sponsor: UCSB campus.  
NAMED "Professor of the Year": 1982-83, 1985-86  
1986-87, 1987-88. Sponsor: Mortar Board UCSB Student  
(See add'l list: p.2 of attached "Summary of Professional Activities")

Name: Senator Robert Kerrey\*  
Address: United States Senate  
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\*See attached letter of commendation.

## Nominator Information:

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JOSEPH C. WILSON AWARD  
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The Rochester Association  
for the United Nations  
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August 30, 1989

Gentlemen:

Thank you for asking me to nominate a candidate for the 1989 Joseph C. Wilson Award. It is a pleasure for me to nominate a colleague whom I have known for many years, and whose work my foundation has supported and sponsored.

He is DR. WALTER H. CAPPS, Professor of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, California.

One of the important purposes of Laucks Foundation is the furthering of world peace and equity among nations. It is becoming clearer every day that the world's political leaders cannot accomplish the goals of peace and security for their citizens using only the usual fumbling nationalistic aims. In the words of the Dalai Lama, the unrecognized need is the concerted input of individuals who are committed in their own lives to "making a difference"—each accomplishing, perhaps, a seemingly ineffectual difference—but, in community with others of like mind, a difference potentially powerful enough to give hope and example, especially to the young, who may be inspired to become the more enlightened leaders of the future.

Professor Capps, in his quiet, modest, incredibly effective way, is an individual who is making a difference. He is providing an example of hope and purpose in his classes (and in his extra-curricular activities as well). He is bringing students to a new awareness by nourishing reflective thinking and critical reasoning, and by encouraging compassion and cooperation. The results are that many of these students, for the first time, have found reason to trust and to seek new and valuable aspirations.

Professor Capps has two exceptional classes at UCSB—one on the impact of the Vietnam War—which was the first of its kind in the nation, and is certainly the largest: It was started in 1979 and has regularly enrolled over 950 students each year since 1985. In 1987, it was the subject of a "60 Minutes" television program (newsclips attached).

His relatively new class, "Voices of the Stranger", is an experimental course in the area of ethnic and cultural diversity. It is already beginning to gain wide recognition. An astounding fact is that during the academic year 1988-89, Professor Capps taught, altogether, 2300 students!

I would add some mention of his work in the community with veterans. The first Santa Barbara recognition of Vietnam Vets came through the Capps Vietnam War class, from which, after some recognition days at the local Veteran's Memorial Building, a welcome-home parade took place.

Professor Capps was instrumental in bringing Soviet veterans of the war in Afghanistan to Santa Barbara to address UCSB students and to meet with American veterans of the Vietnam War. He is now working on an arrangement for student/vet exchanges between US and USSR groups.

In order to supply a general background on Professor Capps, I am including with this letter and the Nomination Form, the following:

- A. A "Summary of Professional Activities", which will provide detailed references to (1) teaching and administrative positions held, (2) service on councils, advisory committees and boards of directors, (3) specific services to the University of California, (4) scholarships, fellowships and awards, (5) extra-mural grants for teaching, reviewing and investigative work, (6) consultations to universities other than the University of California, (7) educational television work, (8) papers and lectures presented, and finally, (9) a list of his published work, including articles, books and reviews.

This summary indicates the breadth of Professor Capps' creative contributions and commitment to the education of the young today, and, in general, to global understanding and reconciliation.

- B. Three letters of commendation which were written to nominate Professor Capps as UCSB's candidate for National Professor of the Year—one from a Teaching Assistant in his classes; one from an undergraduate in his class on Vietnam (Religious Studies 155: Religion and the Impact of the Vietnam War), and one from former Nebraska Governor Robert Kerrey (now U. S. Senator Kerrey).

These letters reinforce the high opinion widely held of Professor Capps' capacity to inspire students to listen to him and to one another, and to reflect and discover within themselves the values they have been seeking in vain elsewhere. Professor Capps' ability to communicate is extraordinary, and his intelligence, empathy and integrity move students to aspire to valuable goals of their own making.

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- C. Copies of various newsclips that generally relate to the national impact of the huge, oversubscribed classes ("The Impact of Vietnam" and "Voices of the Stranger").

Thank you for your consideration of my candidate whom I highly regard and recommend.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Eulah C. Laucks, President

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