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Dear Sir:

Throughout history it has remained of paramount importance for us as a people to remember and pay tribute to those who were instrumental in giving us the courage and guidance to build a better way of life.

The achievements of President Theodore Roosevelt are impressive. He led our country into the arena of international politics while creating an environment of order, social justice and fair dealings here at home.

Less well known, but equally impressive in their own right, were President Roosevelt's contributions to the adoption of Kodokan Judo in the United States. In 1904, Professor Yoshiaki Yamashita proclaimed President Roosevelt to be one of his best students – notable as Professor Yamashita remains one of the very few people to have obtained the rank of tenth degree black belt. Further, President Roosevelt was enthusiastic in his recommendation that people practice judo at a time when judo was in its infancy.

It is in recognition of his support of judo at a time when judo was in a critical period of acceptance in the United States that we proudly present President Theodore Roosevelt with this certificate of promotion to the judo rank of eighth degree black belt.

Sincerely,

James R. Webb
President