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“THANKS!”

The National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education (NAAHE) would like to thank sincerely all of those individuals and organizations that have participated in the Adopt-A-Teacher program this past year. The Adopt-A-Teacher program is NAAHE’s primary vehicle for disseminating humane education materials. Through this program, “adopters” provide gift subscriptions of Children & Animals magazine and Kind News, a newspaper for children, to elementary-school teachers nationwide.

Although hundreds of groups and individuals have participated in NAAHE’s Adopt-A-Teacher program, space does not permit recognition of all of them here. The following list cites those people and organizations that had, as of November 1, 1988, adopted ten or more teachers in 1988. To these and to everyone who has participated, NAAHE extends heartfelt gratitude:


If you or your organization has not yet participated in NAAHE’s Adopt-A-Teacher program, don’t delay! For information, contact NAAHE, P.O. Box 362N, East Haddam, CT 06423.

MEL L. MORSE—AN APPRECIATION

Last June, Mel L. Morse of the Helen Woodward Animal Center in California died of a heart ailment. Mr. Morse was president of The HSUS from 1967 to 1970 and received a Joseph Wood Krutch award in 1977. HSUS President John Hoyt delivered the following remarks at Mr. Morse’s memorial service.

Mel Morse was not a unique person, yet neither was he a typical person. He was in ways most of us admire an individualist, for he knew where he was going and what it was he wanted to accomplish.

He was very much a community person, a man whose broad social and political interests were both local and national in scope. He was a leader of exceptional stature, and the warmth and vigor of his personality inspired and motivated those his life touched.

Mel Morse was a crusader, but not in a fanatical or messianic sense. In this respect, he was inherently modest, for neither his character nor the goals he strove for needed the approbation of others. The Mel we met in public was the same Mel we knew in private. He was genuine through and through.

Mel loved animals, but not in a sentimental or frivolous sense. He was deeply concerned for their welfare and protection and he articulated that concern with both conviction and reason. And though perhaps unknown and unread by those who preach the new gospel of animal rights today, Mel’s book The Ordeal of the Animals still stands as a hallmark in exposing those whose exploitation of animals was for too long ignored and in prick­ing the conscience of a nation that permitted such practices to go unchallenged. It was the primer that introduced me to the animal-protection movement in 1969, and the “message.” I am sure, that has challenged and motivated thousands of others to seek justice for these, our fellow creatures. Mel loved a challenge of any kind, and none was more dear to him than conceiving and building the Helen Woodward Animal Center, an achievement that will stand as a memorial to him as well as to Helen Woodward. For it was his vision, his perseverance, and his ability to meld together diverse interests into a common focus that caused this institution to come into being. He loved this project passionately, and it bespeaks the spirit and character of Mel Morse more than any of his other works, many and far-reaching though they be.

Mel Morse was not a saint, nor did he ever seek to be one. Yet he was a man of deep religious conviction and profound spiritual depths. Above all, he loved his family, and one could not be with Mel for more than a few minutes without hearing of the deep affection and unparalleled pride he had for every member of that family.

So, it is with sadness that we acknowledge the giving up of one whom we have known and loved, and one who has loved us also. And though we have lost a part of what we once had, we also retain much of what we have lost. And, in the belief that some things can never be lost or taken away, we give thanks with joy for the life and person of Mel L. Morse.