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{spoken in verse} For the graduating class I present you today
is not the product of the community of Podunk
or Pittsburg or Washington, DC.
Our community is the United States.
Our school is the majestic Library of Congress.
And our campus the Capitol lawn.
And our laboratory the chamber of the Senate,
or the Supreme Court, or the House.
For we are the Capitol Pages,
boasting of our proud heritage,
aware of our great opportunity,
and humbly grateful that we are privileged to be here.