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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR COURAGEOUS ACTION IN THE LITTLE
ROCK AFFAIR IF ONLY THESE SOUTHERN GOVERNORS ATTENDING
YOUR CONFERENCE COULD RETURN TO THEIR STATES WITH A
MESSAGE TO THE MOTHERS OF THOSE STATES WHO HAVE SHOWN
LESS COURAGE, INTELLIGENCE AND PARENTAL LOVE FOR THEIR
CHILDREN THAN THEIR COURAGEOUS DARK SKINNED MOTHERS WHO

UNLIKE THEM RISKED SENDING THEIR CHILDREN AT FIRST
UNPROTECTED TO THE SCHOOL TO BE SPIT UPON DISPITEFULLY
USED AND EVEN POSSIBLE DEATH I AM A COLORED WOMAN WHO
TAUGHT WHITE CHILDREN FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS IN THE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CHICAGO WITH THE RESPECT AND LOVE
OF MY FELLOW TEACHERS PRINCIPLES THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION AND THE PARENTS I GAVE THESE CHILDREN THE
BEST I HAD TO OFFER THE SAME AS I WOULD HAVE GIVEN
THE CHILDREN OF MY OWN RACE MAY GOD GUIDE AND DIRECT
YOU SO THAT YOU MAY ENLIGHTEN THESE GOVERNORS AND

THEREBY THEIR PREJUDICE CITIZENS WHO ARE MUCH MORE TO
BE PITIED THAN CONDEMNED IGNORANCE IS OUR WORST ENEMY
IN CHICAGO OUR MOST ARISTOCRATIC PRIVATE SCHOOL
THE FRANCIS PARKER SOLICITS BOTH COLORED CHILDREN
AND COLORED TEACHERS NOT SO MUCH FOR THE GOOD OF
THE COLORED CHILDREN AS TO EDUCATE THEIR OWN CHILDREN
IN TOLERANCE AND RESPECT FOR PEOPLE OF OTHER RACES
WITH WHOM THEY LIVE. UNTIL NOW I HAVE BEEN A
DEMOCRAT BUT IN ORDER TO GET RID OF THIS IGNORANT
MAJORITY IN THE SOUTH WHO GIVES A BLACK NAME TO

OUR COUNTRY ABROAD I SHALL VOTE REPUBLICAN PRAYERFULLY

YOURS

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