

*The speech at I made at the Student Rally 12/14/07*

*First, let me say I know you are disappointed that Elliott is not here. I discouraged Elliott from coming today for fear that he would be seen as an agitator.*

*I am a very private person but...I felt it was the right thing for me to come here to personally thank you .*

*This is what I know: Elliott's first love is his family; his second love is the teaching of the practice of medicine, his third love are you, the students.*

*I know he is passionate about all 3. As he is passionate about honor and justice, as he is passionate about the integrity of the role of the Physician in society. I think you know that.*

*I know that he is single-minded in the performance of the responsibilities that fall on those who care for others, be it for family, patients, and the students who pass through him.*

*I know that your letters and phone calls were a gift of unmeasurable joy for him at a time when he would have justly been in a state of shock and anger. I thank you for that. You should have seen his face glowing after reading any one of your letters on the internet.*

*I have come here to thank you for the blossoming and the outpouring of your love and support for him.*

*Thank you*