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Debbie Lannon asked me to forward this.

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Dear USAFA Upper Class Parents, Families and Friends:

It is Recognition Weekend for the USAFA 4th class cadets through this Sunday evening. It is a time of severe testing, and a time of tremendous fortitude and commitment for these young men and women as they become officially "accepted" as part of the Wing.

Last year, some upper-class parents started a tradition of keeping a candle burning throughout the weekend as a reminder of what wonderful young men and women are now joining the USAFA ranks along with our own sons and daughters, and to show our solidarity and support with the current 4th class parents whose cadets will be undergoing this tremendously difficult, but ultimately wonderfully rewarding time.

If you will be lighting a candle at least part of this weekend as a silent show of support, respect and joy for our newest cadets, please let us know at lannonafa@yahoo.com so that we can in turn, let them know we're thinking of them and welcoming them into our Air Force Academy family. Also, please pass this message to any other USAFA parent groups/grad years you are part of. Let's keep those bright lights burning around the country!

Thank you.

Bill and Deb Lannon

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