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Dear Shiloh High School Board of Education:

Four years ago this October, we began our "Dream Home." It's been a very slow, but deliberate process and we're nearing completion.

How can we express to you, in mere words, our exhilaration and enthusiasm and extreme gratitude for the "outstanding" young people in your Industrial Technology Class and their instructor, Mark Smith. Truly, they do a remarkable work and service and can be very proud in their accomplishments— as we certainly are.

My husband and I were youth counselors for several years at a local church. Because of that experience, we have a keen interest in seeing young people encouraged in their endeavors and accomplishments. So... .. when we saw the article about Mark Smith and Ryan Nichols in the June 2001 issue of "The Regional" paper by Colleen Lehmann, we didn't hesitate for a moment to call to set up an appointment with Mark to go over the plans for our new entertainment center with a completion date of spring of 2002. Mark was so helpful. He encouraged us to visit the school and view first hand the scenes behind the scenes (which we did).

We were SO impressed! He E-mailed us with pictures and updates and questions as to detailed specifications. It couldn't be more perfect.

We requested one more thing from Mark - which he assured us he would do. We asked Mark to have each class member and himself sign their names on the inside of the drawers. This entertainment center is MORE than a fine and beautiful piece of furniture; it's a personal expression of quality and loving hand craftsmanship. It's obvious these young people have a heart for their work. We're just so grateful they extended that blessing to us in our new home.

Thank you, Board of Education, for your gift to your fine school and it's youth. You have every right to be so proud and pleased.

Gratefully yours,

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