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"for distinguished leadership in
the cause of human rights" from the
Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of
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The special plaque was
presented before an audience of
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Division of the ADL Appeal Oct. 30
in New York City.

Chilcote joined TI in 1981
after an association of more than 10
years with the Distilled Spirits
Council of the United States, where
he instituted programs to reduce
alcohol abuse among adults and

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youngsters. At TI, he has initiated, among other projects programs to deal with the challenges posed by youth smoking and accidental fires.

Following is the full text of his acceptance speech:

Chilcote's speech

I am grateful and somewhat humbled by this honor. Sheri [his wife] and I will never forget your generosity.

But let us be clear about the meaning of this evening. Tonight has very little to do with the accomplishments of an individual.

This evening, as one evening in the life of your organization, stands for the dignity, the value of all individuals.

In Genesis, we learned that God

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made each of us in His image.

He made the black children of
the South Africa. He made the Jews
of the Soviet Union, the Mexican
farm workers of our own Southwest,
and the tribesmen of Afghanistan.

He made the youngsters with
birth defects, the athletes, the
office workers, the laborers, the
physicians, the lawyers, the
soldiers.

We are all in His image. Yet,
we are all different, each imperfect
in our own way.

What that says to me is that
each of us has the right to his
dignity, the right to be different.
But with that right comes the
responsibility to honor the dignity
of all others.

When Jacob blessed his
firstborn son, he spoke of the

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"excellence of dignity."

That one simple concept is the
foundation of the Anti-Defamation
League, the foundation of our
culture, the foundation of our great
nation.

I thank you for this award; and
I congratulate you--the
Anti-Defamation League--in the name,
in the practice, and in the pursuit
of dignity and respect.

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