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America is the greatest nation in the world because she has allowed her citizens the opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness." Citizens such as
JAMES DEWEY WATSON

Born: April 6, 1928 (Aries)
The older of 2 children,
Chicago, Illinois

Father: James Dewey Watson,
business man

Mother: Jean (Michell) Watson

Education: University of Chicago, Bachelor
of Science. Indiana University
Ph. D.

Accomplishment: Delineated the structure of des-
oxyribonucleic acid (D.N.A.),
nature's genetic material.



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James Watson was born and raised in Chicago. He was a bright child with a keen scientific interest. He attended Horace Mann Elementary School, then raced through South Shore High School in two years — graduating at age fifteen. After earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago at nineteen, he went to the University of Indiana where he was greatly influenced by scientists such as Tracy M. Sonneborn, Ralph Cleland, S.E. Lauria, and Hermann J. Muller.

In 1950, he earned his Ph.D. degree writing his doctor's thesis on bacterial viruses — organisms in that gray zone between giant molecules and living organisms.

In 1951, on a National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis fellowship, he teamed up with Dr. Francis H.D. Crick and worked at the Cavendish Laboratory of Cambridge University in an old dilapidated building known as "The Hut." On April 25, 1953, Watson (now twenty-five) and Crick, published a one-page scientific paper in the British Journal, "Nature." This paper, and the subsequent ones that followed, delineated the structure of D.N.A., nature's genetic material; it proved to be the major biological scientific breakthrough of the century, earning Watson and Crick hundreds of scientific honors (including the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1962 which they shared with Dr. Maurice Wilkins).

A nation is as great as the sum total of the greatness of its individuals. America offers her people more opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness" than any other nation on earth. I challenge you to develop yours!

Today we honor JAMES DEWEY WATSON. Tomorrow could we honor you?

Dr. Michael R. Loss.

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