

# Original Taft Code Document

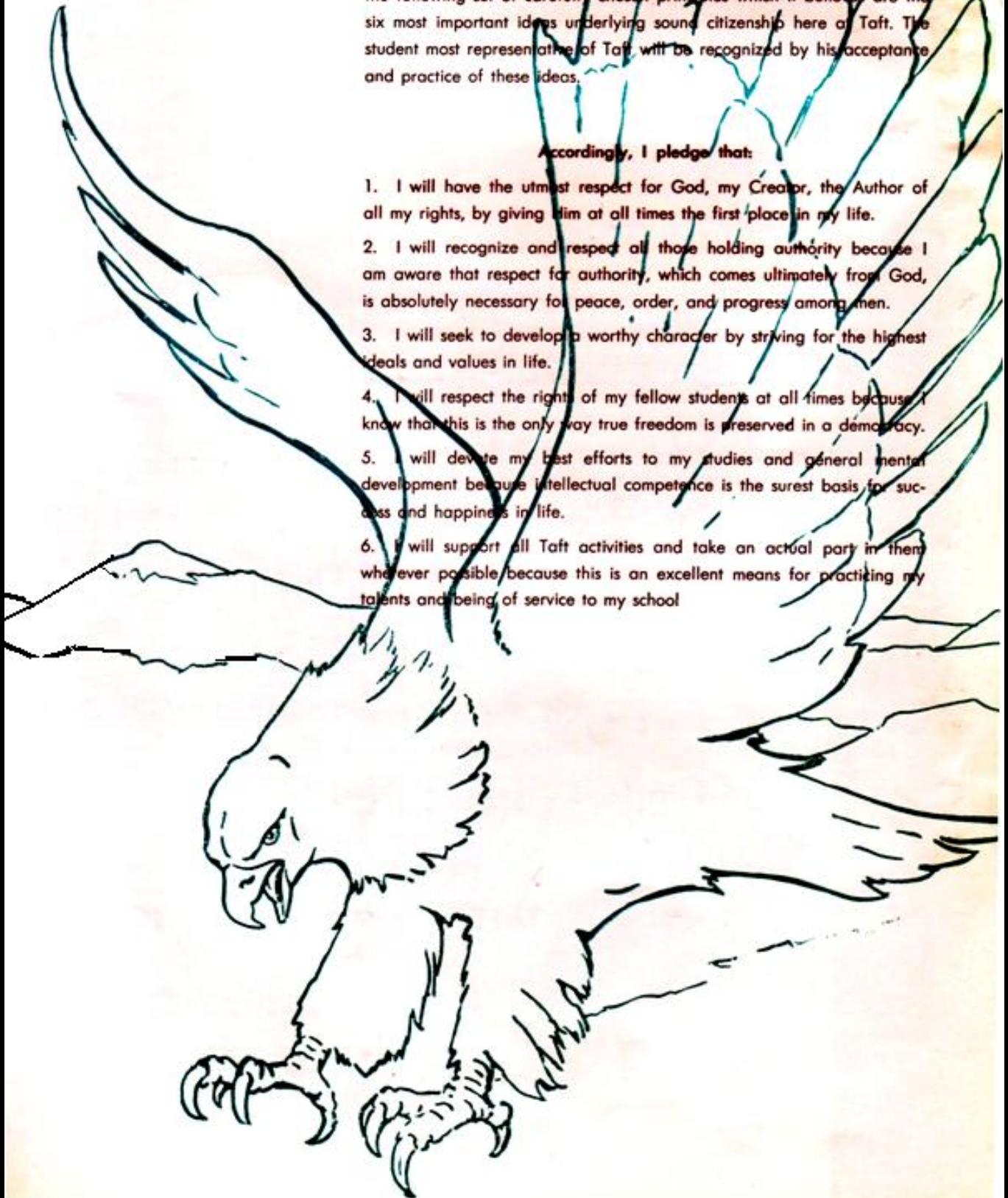
*The "Taft Eagle" drawing also used on our 1959  
Aerie Yearbook was drawn by our 1959 Class  
Vice-President and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Reunion Committee Member  
Barbara Knudson-Newlin*

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2. I will recognize and respect all those holding authority because I am aware that respect for authority, which comes ultimately from God, is absolutely necessary for peace, order, and progress among men.
3. I will seek to develop a worthy character by striving for the highest ideals and values in life.
4. I will respect the rights of my fellow students at all times because I know that this is the only way true freedom is preserved in a democracy.
5. I will devote my best efforts to my studies and general mental development because intellectual competence is the surest basis for success and happiness in life.
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# **RETYPE - A More Readable Version of the Taft Student Code\***

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\* Taft High school received national notoriety for creating a student code in what was considered by many adults to be turbulent times, given all the Rock n' Roll going on!

With five references to God out of 184 words in six sentences, what are the chances the ACLU would allow the Taft Student Code to go unchallenged today?