



Remarks at Ada Addington Hospice

- **When I called up my Mother on election night last year I told her, “Mom, your son is the next Mayor.” She said, “Well, if you couldn’t be a doctor ...**
- **A facility like this allows doctors, nurses, and all dedicated medical professionals to do their best work and provide for the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of their patients.**
- **The fact that this facility is part of a teaching hospital is also important to our City. As our population ages, we will need to improve how we care for the elderly and provide palliative care. Here at Addington, you are sharing these lessons and spreading that knowledge beyond this one community.**
- **Horizon helps patients live more fully in the twilight of their lives and allows their families to spend more meaningful time with them. By helping medical professionals at the beginning of their careers develop skills and a sense of empathy that no textbook can teach, you are shaping a more caring future.**



- **That's not just a practical matter; it's a matter of our principles. How we care for the most vulnerable, particularly those reaching the end of their lives, is a measure of who we are as a society.**
- **Just think about the last members of the greatest generation, who sacrificed so much for their families and their country, who are now in their twilight years. We need to make sure we provide them care, comfort, and dignity, that matches the enormity of their contributions.**
- **It's fitting for this facility to be named for someone who has made such a lasting contribution to our City: AdaAddington. I know Ada started Horizon in 1978 with just three volunteers. A little more than three decades later, Horizon cares for more than 140 patients each day and helps to train more than 150 medical students, fellows, nurses, and social workers each year.**
- **That's an inspiration for each of us, because no matter what our career, we have a calling: to make the lives of others, richer, fuller, and more complete. Thank you for the example you set for our community in doing that each day.**