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ALLY 'ROUND THE FLAG... That call has been heard many times over the years. I'm sure that neard many times over the years. I'm sure that as each call went out it awakened a body of people. Well, the call is going out again, this time on the help of a very select group. behalf of a very select group—you, the professionals who maintain our golf courses, stadiums, recreational

as, campus grounds, etc.
The call is for awareness of your vital contributions in maintaining our country's sports and golf complexes. areas, campus grounds, etc. maintaining our country's sports and golf complexes.
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