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## BELL RINGER AWARD

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You who are here are all special people. Because of a special person this poem was written:

They wanted him to talk  
When they put his hands  
In a paper bag.

They ignored his pleading eyes  
When they put his hands  
In a paper bag.

They put him under glass  
When they put his hands  
In a paper bag.

They took his life away  
When they put his hands  
In a paper bag.

Now he can not talk  
Because they put his hands  
In a paper bag.

Now he is alone  
Because they put his hands  
In a paper bag.

His mind is no longer bright  
Because they put his hands  
In a paper bag.

His spirit is broken  
Because they put his hands  
In a paper bag.

He may as well be dead  
Because they put his hands  
In a paper bag.

(Virginia P. Hewes)

Because of your work as members of PRWAD, you are helping to get rid of THIS PAPER BAG that has enclosed many deaf people and their families. It is with great pride as a P.P. (Professional Parent) that I, on behalf of the Bell Ringer Award Committee, give this Bell Ringer Award to the Chairperson of the outstanding part of this PRWAD conference — the chairperson of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Craig Mills.