I thank you, Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, ordinarily, I am not a fun of big-named schools. This is because I believe that people make schools. However, I believe, many years ago when I was in my school, Juaben Senior High School, not a big named school though, my head teacher used to say, go and see how Wesley Girls’ Senior High School students behave. They sit in the woods and read to the trees. Learn that. That is how you would build your English language. At that time, it did not make any impact on me.

But Mr Speaker, I have one daughter. She went to Wesley Girls’ Senior High School and I have observed some tradition which I think is unique — the culture of reading. Even if she is watching the television, she would have a book by her side, and be reading. I think that culture of reading that Wesley Girls’ Senior High School manages to imbue in their students, is such a commendable culture that I would commend to every school.

This is because in the end, everything is about information, and if one develops the culture of reading to get information, I believe one would have made ninety-nine out of the hundred steps to reach his goals.

Mr Speaker, with these few words, I would want to commend Wesley Girls’ Senior High School on their anniversary and recommend that culture of reading to all schools, so that all students would develop the culture. Reading culture is what we need to make people upgrade themselves, pass all their examinations and be what they want to be in future. I wish to add my voice to the Statement made by our Hon Abena Osei-Asare on this anniversary.

I thank you, Mr Speaker.