

care, the Cherokee Nation sponsored a program to  
teach students how to read and write the  
Cherokee language. "I can't help but feel  
hopeful about our future," Mankiller noted in  
her 1990 State of the Nation address:

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I think the strongest thing I see  
as I travel around to Cherokee  
communities and talk with people  
is their tenacity [persistence].  
Despite everything that's happened  
to our people throughout history  
we've managed to hang on to our  
culture, we've managed to hang on  
to our sense of being Cherokee.

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