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DURENBERGER LOOK AT THE RECORD

THE U.S. SENATE IS A SPECIAL PLACE. WE ALL KNOW THAT -- ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN THE HONOR OF SERVING HERE REALIZES IT IS SOMETHING SPECIAL.

IT'S A UNIQUE GROUP OF 100 AMERICANS -- ALL DIFFERENT. ALL TALENTED. ALL DEDICATED. YOU DON'T GET HERE BY LUCK. YOU EARN IT.

YOU CAN'T FAKE IT HERE, EITHER. YOU FIND OUT IN A HURRY WHAT YOUR COLLEAGUES ARE ALL ABOUT.

SO I CAN TELL YOU ALL ABOUT DAVE DURENBERGER. I'VE BEEN HIS CHAIRMAN. I'VE BEEN HIS LEADER. AND I'VE BEEN HIS FRIEND.

I'M NOT HERE TO INFLUENCE VOTES. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT DAVE DURENBERGER. I'VE SEEN HIM UNDER PRESSURE, AND I'VE SEEN HIM MAKE THE TOUGH CHOICES. I'VE WATCHED HIM OVERCOME PERSONAL ADVERSITY. DAVE DURENBERGER HAS EARNED MY RESPECT.

YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE ONLY TWO THINGS AROUND THIS PLACE: YOUR WORD AND YOUR RECORD. AND ON BOTH, DAVE DURENBERGER IS A WINNER.

LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD.

HE'S MADE A DIFFERENCE -- FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, FOR THE DISABLED, FOR MINORITIES.

HE'S MADE A DIFFERENCE -- FOR RURAL AMERICA, FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, AND FOR EVERY AMERICAN SEEKING QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE.

LOOK AT THE RECORD.

HE'S MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA.

WHEN DAVE CAME TO THE SENATE IN 1978 WE ALL FOUND OUT ABOUT HIS INDEPENDENT SPIRIT: HE DOESN'T VOTE PARTY LINE. HE'S NOT A PARTISAN OR AN IDEOLOGUE. AND HE DOESN'T MARCH LOCK STEP WITH ANYONE -- NOT THE REPUBLICAN LEADER, NOT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. AND THAT'S JUST THE WAY THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA LIKE IT.

LOOK AT THE RECORD: HE'S EARNED SENIORITY STATUS ON THE TOP COMMITTEES THROUGH GOOD OLD FASHIONED HARD WORK. THERE ISN'T A SENATOR IN THIS CHAMBER WHO COULD STAND UP TODAY AND SAY DAVE DURENBERGER DIDN'T DO HIS HOMEWORK; DIDN'T KNOW THE ISSUES; AND DIDN'T VOTE HIS CONSCIENCE.

HE'S NEVER DUCKED THE TOUGH ISSUES. HE'S NEVER DUCKED A CHALLENGE. AND HE ISN'T DUCKING NOW IN THE FACE OF ROUGH TIMES. BUT THAT'S DAVE'S WAY.

WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF TODAY'S VOTE -- AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS -- ONE THING IS CERTAIN: DAVE DURENBERGER WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT HE HAS DONE EVER SINCE HE CAME TO THIS PLACE -- WORK HARD FOR THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA.

LOOK AT THE RECORD.

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