

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
MIAMI ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME
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IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO BE IN MIAMI AT ANY TIME. TO BE HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF MARCH TO HELP HONOR THE OUTSTANDING BUSINESS LEADERS OF THE PAST WHOSE NAMES ARE BEING ADDED TO THE ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME IS A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE FOR ME. ALL THREE INDIVIDUALS PLAYED SUCH PROMINENT PARTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS DYNAMIC REGION OF SOUTH FLORIDA. THEIR STORIES ARE WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE NATION FOR THEIR CIVIC AS WELL AS THEIR BUSINESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. I JOIN IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHARLES CRANDON AND TO MRS. CRANDON, WHO ARE HERE THIS EVENING -- AND TO JULIA TUTTLE AND EDDIE RICKENBACKER, WHOSE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE ENGRAINED IN THE HISTORY OF THIS BUSTLING COMMUNITY.

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THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION FOR ALL AMERICANS TO REMEMBER THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT OUR BUSINESS LEADERS MADE TO THE GROWTH OF THE NATION. FOR THESE ARE NOT EASY TIMES FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY. SOME OF THE OLDER INDUSTRIAL CENTERS OF THE NORTH HAVE BEEN HAVING DIFFICULTY RECOVERING FROM THE ECONOMIC SLUMP. THERE STILL ARE POCKETS OF SEVERE UNEMPLOYMENT. FOR A COMBINATION OF REASONS -- MANY OF THEM BEYOND THE CONTROL OF ANY OF US -- CORPORATE REPUTATIONS THAT WERE YEARS IN THE MAKING HAVE BEEN SULLIED. IN SOME CIRCLES, THE DRIVE TO EVEN MORE DEEPLY INVOLVE THE GOVERNMENT IN COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE GOES ON. THE LATEST ILLUSTRATION IS ENERGY. THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON WHO ARE EAGER TO MAKE THE ENERGY COMPANIES OF VARIOUS KINDS THE WHIPPING BOYS FOR WHAT IS REALLY OUR NATIONAL UNWILLINGNESS TO FACE UP TO THE CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF UNDER-SUPPLY IN A PERIOD OF GROWING WORLD-WIDE DEMAND. THE ANSWERS TO THE ENERGY CRISIS WILL NOT BE EASILY ADOPTED. THEY WILL REQUIRE SACRIFICE AND DIFFERENT LIVING HABITS FOR ALL AMERICANS. THEY WILL REQUIRE POLITICAL COURAGE BY THOSE OF US IN PUBLIC OFFICE.

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THE GOOD EXAMPLES LIVED BY THE THREE DISTINGUISHED
NEW MEMBERS OF YOUR HALL OF FAME -- AND OTHER GOOD EXAMPLES
THAT ARE BEING LIVED TODAY BY MANY OF THE OTHER BUSINESSMEN
AND WOMEN IN THIS ROOM TONIGHT -- DO MORE TO BRIGHTEN THE IMAGE
OF BUSINESS THAN ALL THE INSTITUTIONAL ADVERTISING IN THE MASS
MEDIA. I COMMEND JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT, TOO, FOR THE CONTINUING
GOOD WORK THAT YOU DO THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY HELPING
ACQUAINT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THE
BUSINESS WORLD -- A SIDE THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE BE LOST TO
PUBLIC VIEW.

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CRITICAL YEAR FOR FISCAL POLICY

THE VITALITY OF BUSINESS IS TIED TO THE FISCAL DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE IN WASHINGTON -- AND THIS IS A CRITICAL YEAR FOR FISCAL POLICY IN WASHINGTON. THE NEW PRESIDENT CAME INTO OFFICE ON A PLATFORM OF MORE FEDERAL SPENDING FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, REFORM OF THE TAX SYSTEM, AND THE OBJECTIVE OF A BALANCED BUDGET. LAST WEEK, THE HOUSE PASSED AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE \$50 REBATE (OR RETURN) ON 1976 PERSONAL INCOME TAXES THAT HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER. THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER, BEGAN THIS MORNING TO DECIDE THE CHANGES THAT WE WANT TO MAKE IN THE HOUSE-PASSED BILL. THEN AFTER THE LEGISLATION IS ACTED UPON BY THE FULL SENATE, THE DIFFERENCES IN THE TWO MEASURES WILL BE RECONCILED BY A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

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THE BILL THAT EMERGED FROM THE HOUSE INCLUDED A VERSION OF THE JOBS TAX CREDIT, WHICH I HAVE SPONSORED IN THE SENATE. BUT IT DID NOT INCLUDE AN INCREASE IN THE GENERAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT, WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAD PROPOSED, AND WHICH I ALSO FAVOR. THE JOBS TAX CREDIT IS PRIMARILY A REPUBLICAN IDEA THAT WE BELIEVE IS A MORE EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM THAN THE ONGOING FUNDING OF PUBLIC SERVICE JOBS. IT IS BETTER TO PUT AN UNEMPLOYED YOUTH TO WORK AT A PERMANENT JOB IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR THAN TO GIVE HIM THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE OF A SHORT-TERM PUBLIC JOB, A JOB THAT HAS TOO OFTEN INVOLVED EXPENSIVE MAKE-WORK PROJECTS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF THE HARD-CORE INNER CITY YOUNG PEOPLE FOR WHOM LASTING EMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN A PARTICULARLY TROUBLESOME PROBLEM. THE JOBS TAX CREDIT WOULD BE AN INCENTIVE FOR EMPLOYERS TO HIRE MORE WORKERS -- EVEN THOSE MARGINAL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE HIRED AT OR SLIGHTLY OVER THE MINIMUM WAGE -- BECAUSE PART OF THE ADDITIONAL PAYROLL TAX COULD BE CHARGED OFF AGAINST THE EMPLOYER'S INCOME TAXES. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THERE IS NO NEED FOR AN INVESTMENT CREDIT BONUS. THERE IS. MANY OF THE LARGEST COMPANIES CANNOT PROVIDE MORE JOBS WITHOUT THE ADDITIONAL TAX INCENTIVE FOR INVESTMENT IN NEW PLANTS AND MACHINERY.

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TAX CUT ISSUE

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OCCUPIES THE WHITE HOUSE AND HAS COMFORTABLE MAJORITIES IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS. ANY TIME THE DEMOCRATS ARE UNITED ON AN ISSUE, THAT WILL BE THE PUBLIC POLICY, WHETHER ONE LIKES IT OR NOT. IT IS MY HOPE THAT REPUBLICANS WILL OFFER SPECIFIC ALTERNATIVES, WHEN NEEDED, THAT ARE ATTRACTIVE ENOUGH TO WIN DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT. THE JOBS TAX CREDIT IS A CASE IN POINT. WE ALSO PREFER PERMANENT TAX CUTS FOR BOTH BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS INSTEAD OF THE ONE-SHOT TAX REBATE. THE PERMANENT TAX CUT SUBSTITUTE LOST BY ONLY 219 TO 194 LAST WEEK IN THE HOUSE. THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THE SENATE WILL APPROVE A REDUCTION OF LONGER DURATION THAN THE SIMPLE REBATE. WE'LL KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT SOON.

IN THE COLDER CLIMATES, THE REBATE WON'T COME CLOSE TO MAKING UP FOR THIS WINTER'S HIGHER HEATING BILLS. IT WOULD DO VERY LITTLE TOWARD PUTTING MORE SPENDABLE DOLLARS BACK IN THE POCKETS OF CONSUMERS. AT THAT, YOU CAN'T GIVE BACK TAX DOLLARS AND INCREASE SPENDING FOR DOMESTIC PROGRAMS WITHOUT INCREASING THE FEDERAL DEFICIT AND HEAPING MORE FUEL ON THE FIRES OF INFLATION.

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TAXES ARE THE FASTEST GROWING SINGLE ITEM IN THE COST OF LIVING. SINCE 1950, THEY HAVE GONE UP TWO-THIRDS FASTER AND HIGHER THAN EITHER FOOD OR SHELTER. PAYROLL TAXES, PROPERTY TAXES, AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL TAXES KEEP GOING UP EVEN AS CONGRESS VOTES REDUCTIONS IN FEDERAL INCOME TAXES. IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, THE FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT PROJECTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER WILL BE OVER \$70 BILLION.

WORKERS WHO ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET PAY RAISES -- IN THE RACE TO KEEP UP WITH RISING PRICES -- ARE BOOSTED INTO HIGHER INCOME BRACKETS. SO THEY MAY WIND UP PAYING A BIGGER FEDERAL TAX BITE, AT THE SAME TIME CONGRESS IS GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF VOTING THEM A TAX REBATE OR REDUCTION.

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HOME COSTS OUT OF REACH

JUST LAST WEEK A NEW REPORT WAS RELEASED SHOWING WHAT IS ALREADY OBVIOUS: THAT THE AVERAGE COST OF BUYING A HOME IS BEYOND THE REACH OF MIDDLE-INCOME COUPLES WHO DON'T HAVE RICH PARENTS TO HELP WITH THE PURCHASE PRICE.

AT A 5% ANNUAL INFLATION RATE, WHICH IS CONSIDERED LIKELY FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, WITHOUT A WAGE INCREASE, A FAMILY EARNING \$20,000 THIS YEAR WOULD HAVE A PURCHASING POWER OF UNDER \$12,300 IN 1987. IN OTHER WORDS, AN INCREASE IN SALARY OF ABOUT \$20 A WEEK EVERY YEAR WOULD BE NECESSARY TO KEEP UP WITH INFLATION. INFLATION IS AN OMINOUS DANGER THAT HITS EVERYONE. SOME WAYS TO HANDLE THIS ARE PARING DOWN FEDERAL REGULATION, RESTRAINING THE GROWTH OF FEDERAL SPENDING, AND REVISING THE TAX SYSTEM. I FAVOR AN IMMEDIATE PERMANENT INCOME TAX REDUCTION OF \$10 TO \$15 BILLION FOR LOWER AND MIDDLE INCOME TAXPAYERS. IN ADDITION, WE SHOULD "INDEX" OUR TAX COLLECTIONS SO THAT TAX BRACKETS AND TAX RATES ARE AUTOMATICALLY ADJUSTED DOWNWARD WITH EACH INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING. THE GRADUATED TAX RATES WOULD THEREFORE BE SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE PURCHASING POWER OF A DOLLAR OF WAGES.

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SOCIAL SECURITY FINANCING

THERE IS ANOTHER QUESTION OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO MANY RESIDENTS OF FLORIDA WHICH MR. CARTER PUT OFF UNTIL A LATER DATE IN HIS BUDGET REVISION MESSAGE. AND THAT IS HOW TO KEEP THE SOCIAL SECURITY FUND SOLVENT. IT'S ALL RIGHT TO POSTPONE THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM UNTIL IT HAS BEEN THOUGHT THROUGH -- EXCEPT THAT THERE AREN'T MANY DAYS LEFT. THIS WILL BE THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN WHICH EXPENDITURES FROM THE TRUST FUND EXCEED INCOME. ACCORDING TO SOME ESTIMATES, UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE, THE FUND WILL BE EXHAUSTED IN A FEW MORE YEARS. OF COURSE, SOMETHING WILL BE DONE. THE CLOSER WE COME TO THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS THAT CONGRESS WILL TURN TO GENERAL REVENUE FINANCING OF SOCIAL SECURITY. THERE ARE LIMITS TO THE PAYROLL TAX AS A SOURCE OF FUNDS. BUT A DEPARTURE FROM THE EARNED-RIGHT CONCEPT OF SOCIAL SECURITY WOULD BE A MAJOR DEPARTURE THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN, IF AT ALL, ONLY AFTER LONG AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESS.

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HOW TO PAY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY; WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE WELFARE SYSTEM; HOW TO REDUCE FEDERAL SPENDING AND AVOID ANOTHER SURGE OF INFLATION; HOW TO MAKE THE TAX SYSTEM AS FAIR AS POSSIBLE FOR AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE; HOW TO KEEP THE PEACE AND BRING ABOUT A JUST SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST; UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS SHOULD WE CONSIDER A NORMALIZATION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE REGIME IN CUBA -- THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE VERY DIFFICULT ISSUES THAT FACE THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONGRESS. NONE ARE EASY.

TRADE WITH CUBA?

RESUMING TRADE AND NORMALIZING OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA ARE COMMENDABLE GOALS. BUT ARE THEY REALISTIC? CASTRO IS HARDLY CONTRIBUTING TO ORDER AND STABILITY ON THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA. I THINK WE SHOULD AWAIT SOLID EVIDENCE OF HIS GOOD FAITH -- EVIDENCE THAT HE IS NO LONGER DETERMINED TO FOMENT UNREST AND REVOLUTION IN FAR-OFF LANDS -- BEFORE WE RESUME COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH CUBA. I HOPE THAT DAY IS NOT FAR OFF.

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HOW TO DEAL WITH TERRORISTS?

THERE IS ANOTHER TROUBLESOME PROBLEM OF PUBLIC POLICY THAT MUST CONCERN US ALL. HOW TO RESPOND TO THE THREAT OF MASS MURDER AND OTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE BY TERRORIST GROUPS WHO COMMIT THEIR ATROCITIES WITHOUT FEAR OF RETRIBUTION. WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK IN WASHINGTON CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO RECUR. UNLESS OUR SOCIETY CAN DEVISE A METHOD OF DEFENDING ITSELF AGAINST SUCH DESPICABLE DEEDS, WE ARE WORSE OFF THAN ANYONE COULD HAVE IMAGINED. THERE HAVE TO BE SOME CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD LIMITS ABOUT WHAT IS NOT NEGOTIABLE WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL OR A GROUP THREATENS THE LIVES OF THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS. OUR SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG WAS OFFENDED LAST WEEK WHEN THE RINGLEADER WAS RELEASED WITHOUT BAIL PENDING TRIAL. HE WAS BACK HOME BEFORE HIS HOSTAGE VICTIMS WERE. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT CONGRESS CONSIDER NEW ANTI-TERRORIST LEGISLATION BASED ON THE LESSONS WE HAVE LEARNED IN RECENT WEEKS. ONE REQUIREMENT MUST BE A GUARANTEE THAT THE ACCUSED -- IN CASES OF ORGANIZED THREATS OF VIOLENCE -- WILL NOT BE SET FREE ON NO MORE THAN A PROMISE TO SHOW UP FOR ARRAIGNMENT AND TRIAL. I AM INTRODUCING A BILL TO THAT EFFECT IN THE SENATE. WE CANNOT TURN OUR HEADS AWAY FROM THE UNCONSCIONABLE SCENES OF TERROR AT THE B'NAI B'RITH HEADQUARTERS AND THE TWO OTHER SITES WHERE HOSTAGES WERE TAKEN IN WASHINGTON.

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Senator Dole:

The Greater Miami Achievement Hall of Fame recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding business leaders of the past. One of the three who is being honored at this year's banquet will actually be there. Relatives of the others will be present. Charles Crandon, who is 90 years old, will be there with Mrs. Crandon. He was in the wholesale drug business, an early member of the Dade County Commission, one of those who developed Key Biscayne. Julia Tuttle, who died in 1889, was known as "the Matriarch of Miami." She was a businesswoman, a land owner in what is now Miami, and an architect. She took over the management of her husband's ironworks company in Miami after his death. Two relatives of Mrs. Tuttle who will be there are Stella Tuttle Chapman and Beverly Henriquez (Hen-ree-kez). Not clear exactly how they are related. Eddie Rickenbacker died in 1973. His grandson, James Rickenbacker, will be in attendance.

The elaborate induction ceremonies will precede your speech, so it won't be necessary to give any more than passing reference to the honored trio.

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