

DRAFT REMARKS FOR SENATOR DOLE

(FOR SECOND APPEARANCE AT PODIUM AT JOHN RHODES' DINNER --
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JUSTICE O'CONNOR REMARKS):

*Sept. 21,
1982
Dole's Remarks*

~~_____~~
TONIGHT'S EVENT WAS A SELLOUT -- A STRONG TRIBUTE TO
JOHN RHODES. TICKET SALES REACHED THE FIFTY PERCENT MARK
EVEN BEFORE THE OFFICIAL INVITATIONS WERE SENT OUT.

ALL OF YOU WHO PURCHASED TICKETS TO THIS DINNER DID SO
TO HONOR JOHN RHODES AND RECOGNIZE HIS THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE
IN CONGRESS. YOU HAVE ALSO MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE DINNER
COMMITTEE TO EARMARK \$50,000 TO BE SENT TO A FOUNDATION AT
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR A PERMANENT MEMORIAL TO THE
PUBLIC SERVICE OF JOHN RHODES.

ON BEHALF OF THE JOHN RHODES APPRECIATION DINNER COMMITTEE,
WE THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

AS JUSTICE O'CONNOR HAS NOTED, WE ARE ALSO HONORING A
LADY -- BETTY RHODES. TONIGHT IS BETTY'S BIRTHDAY. BETTY --
IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE THAT YOU PERFORMED IN REPRESENTING
THE PEOPLE OF ARIZONA'S FIRST DISTRICT ALL THESE YEARS -- AND
IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR BIRTHDAY -- THE COMMITTEE HAS PRESENTED
YOU WITH A GIFT.

WE WILL NOT EMBARRASS YOU BY ASKING YOU TO OPEN IT IN FRONT
OF 900 PEOPLE. BUT WE ARE GOING TO ASK THAT GREAT BARITONE --
CONGRESSMAN BOB MICHEL -- TO LEAD US ALL IN "HAPPY BIRTHDAY".

(STAND BY WHILE MICHEL SINGS "HAPPY BIRTHDAY")

AS SOON AS APPLAUSE FOR BETTY HAS SUBSIDED, YOU SHOULD
INTRODUCE JOHN RHODES.

SUGGESTED (DRAFT REMARKS:

ALOT OF NICE THINGS HAVE BEEN SAID TONIGHT ABOUT OUR
GUEST OF HONOR. BUT THEY ONLY BEGIN TO CAPTURE THE TRUE
WORTH OF THIS MAN WHO HAS SPENT THE LAST THIRTY YEARS OF
HIS LIFE SERVING HIS COUNTRY.

JOHN RHODES -- BORN AND RAISED IN KANSAS, BUT OF ARIZONA --
SERVED FIFTEEN TERMS IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES. WORKED WITH SEVEN PRESIDENTS. PLATFORM
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AT TWO REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTIONS,
PERMANENT CHAIRMAN AT TWO OTHER CONVENTIONS. IN THE HOUSE,
HE WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE
IN 1968. LATER, HE WAS ELECTED TO HIS PARTY'S TOP
LEADERSHIP POST -- HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER -- UNANIMOUSLY.
HE WAS REELECTED TWICE, WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

is impossible to condense
THIRTY YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT, BUT THE COLUMNIST IN
PHOENIX, ~~ARIZONA~~, WHOSE ARTICLE IS REPRINTED IN THE PROGRAM,
MADE A GOOD TRY.

PAGE TWO

"FOR THE FRIENDS AND COMRADES OF A LIFETIME
(RHODES' DECISION TO RETIRE) CAME AS NO GREAT
SHOCK. LESS SURPRISING WAS THE STRAIGHTFORWARD
SIMPLICITY WITH WHICH HE STEPPED ASIDE.

JOHN, TO USE A WORD CHEAPENED BY OVERUSE, HAS
CLASS."

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT TO YOU -- JOHN RHODES: