



A  
Star-Studded Salute  
to  
Senator Steve Symms

An entertaining evening with  
**SENATOR STEVE SYMMS**  
and his friends.

**September 16, 1992**  
The Organization of American States  
Washington, D.C.

6:30-7:30 pm  
Reception  
Organization of American States

7:30 pm  
Dinner Seating  
Hall of the Americas

Senator Larry E. Craig, Idaho  
Master of Ceremonies

**INVOCATION**  
Senator Ted Stevens, Alaska

COMMENTS BY EVENT UNDERWRITERS

Ambassador Mou-Shih Ding  
Representative  
Coordinating Council for North American Affairs  
and  
Bill Agee  
Chairman and CEO  
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Senator and Mrs. Steve Symms

## **DINNER SERVICE**

### **PROGRAM**

#### Video Presentation

U.S. Congressman Phil Crane of Illinois  
U.S. Senator James A. McClure of Idaho (retired)  
U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York  
U.S. Senator George Mitchell, Senate Majority Leader  
U.S. Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, Senate Republican Leader

U.S. SENATOR, THE HONORABLE  
STEVEN D. SYMMS, OF IDAHO

Ode to Idaho  
by Ernie Sites

Entertainment provided by  
Ernie Sites of Wendell, Idaho:  
"Cowboy poet, trick roper, story teller and entertainer"

*Excess proceeds from tonight's Salute will go to  
Albertsons College of Idaho  
Caldwell, Idaho  
to establish the Steve Symms Scholarship  
for the Study of Free Enterprise.*

**Steve Symms** was born in Nampa, Idaho on April 23, 1938, and graduated from Caldwell High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Idaho in 1960. After graduation, he served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps. Following his discharge from the Corps with the rank of Lieutenant, he returned to manage the family fruit ranch.

In 1972, this political unknown ran for and was elected to the U.S. Congress on the platform of more freedom and less government. He won reelection to the U.S. House three times before he battled a 24 year Senate veteran in 1980 for the chance to take his message to the U.S. Senate. He won that race and successfully defended it against a 10 year sitting Governor in 1986.

Since then, Steve has compiled an impressive list of legislative accomplishment to accompany his fights for principle, but none more impressive than his work as the Ranking Republican on the Senate Subcommittee on Water Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure. This nation's transportation networks will long benefit from his capable efforts.

During his tenure in Congress, Steve has become a national spokesman for conservative causes, an outspoken leader fighting for fiscal restraint, lower taxes, and the free market system and a staunch defender of Americans' right to keep and bear arms.

He has served as Chairman of the Conservative of the Conservative Victory Fund and the Free Society Forum and is the founder of Idaho's "Working Partners" organization, whose volunteers work to solve social problems through private means. He has received repeated recognition from organizations such as the National Federation of Independent Business, the Freedoms Foundation, the American Security Council, the Watchdog of the Treasury, Americans for Constitutional Action and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

He has also earned the friendship and respect of those with whom he served.



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fter two decades in Congress, Idaho Senator Steve Symms is retiring. Never shy, always outspoken, during his twenty years of service in the House and Senate, Steve Symms has been a tireless champion of freedom and free enterprise. This evening is a tribute to his career and to the man as told by those who know him best; his friends and colleagues.

Senator Larry Craig  
invites you to spend an entertaining evening  
with

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Seventeenth St. & Constitution Ave. N.W.

Washington D.C.

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Dinner 7:30 p.m.

RSVP by September 11, 1992:

Kris Hanisch (202) 224-1007

Gracia Cross (202) 232-1316

Business attire appropriate

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\_\_\_\_\_ no decision at this time

*depends on Dole's schedule*

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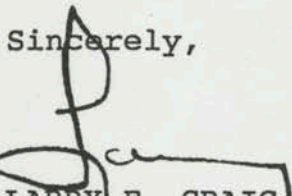
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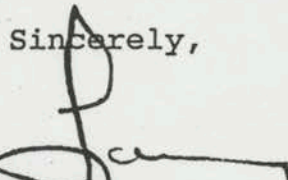
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**Remarks of Senator Bob Dole**  
**A STAR-STUDDED SALUTE TO**  
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**IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO**  
**BE HERE TONIGHT.**

**I WAS ASKED TO TALK**  
**ABOUT ABOUT STEVE SYMMS'**  
**"GOOD" QUALITIES, AND HIS**

**1 →**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE  
SENATE. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN  
MY LIFE, I'M SPEECHLESS.**

**OF COURSE, STEVE'S  
DEPARTURE FROM THE SENATE  
WILL LEAVE A BIG GAP. WE  
HAVE A LOT OF SENATORS IN  
THE BUSINESS OF WHINING, BUT  
HE'S THE ONLY ONE IN THE  
"WINE" BUSINESS.**

2 →



**DON'T GET ME WRONG.  
STEVE AND I GO WAY BACK  
TOGETHER. HE'S AS LOYAL AS  
THEY COME, BUT HE'S ALSO  
SMART. WHEN I RAN FOR  
PRESIDENT IN 1988, HE WAS  
ONE OF MY FIRST SUPPORTERS.  
THE EVENING I WON THE IOWA  
CAUCUSES, I CALLED STEVE TO  
GIVE HIM THE GOOD NEWS. HE**

CONGRATULATED ME AND  
CALLED ME "MISTER  
PRESIDENT." TWO WEEKS  
LATER, I LOST IN NEW  
HAMPSHIRE. I CALLED STEVE  
AGAIN. THIS TIME HE WASN'T  
HOME, BUT THERE WAS A  
RECORDING ON HIS ANSWERING  
MACHINE: "THIS IS THE  
HEADQUARTERS OF IDAHOANS

FOR BUSH. THE OFFICE IS  
CLOSED NOW, BUT AT THE  
BEEP...     \ \     .     .     .

I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON IN  
THIS VANE AND TELL YOU SOME  
MORE STORIES ABOUT STEVE  
SYMMS -- BUT HIS MOTHER IS  
HERE, SO I WILL DESIST.

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BUT TRULY, I DON'T HAVE A

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BETTER, OR MORE LOYAL, OR  
MORE RELIABLE FRIEND IN THE  
UNITED STATES SENATE THAN  
STEVE SYMMS. HE'S BEEN WITH  
ME, SOLID AS A ROCK,  
THROUGH SOME OF THE  
TOUGHEST TIMES OF MY  
POLITICAL LIFE.

MY REFERENCE TO HIS  
( ANSWERING MACHINE )

NOTWITHSTANDING, STEVE WAS  
THERE FOR ME FIRST, AND LAST,  
IN 1988. HE WAS THERE IN IOWA  
AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, BUT HE  
WAS THERE THE REST OF THE  
WAY, TOO -- WIN, LOSE OR  
DRAW. I KNOW HE TOOK A LOT  
OF HEAT FROM SOME OF HIS  
“SUPPLY-SIDER” FRIENDS -- BUT  
HE NEVER WAVERED.

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STEVE SYMMS WAS WITH  
ME, TOO, ON A SWELTERING,  
AND KIND OF SCARY DAY, DOWN  
IN MANAGUA, WHEN TOGETHER  
WE FACED THE DICTATOR,  
DANIEL ORTEGA, IN HIS STAGE-  
MANAGED CONFRONTATION  
WITH OUR SENATE DELEGATION.  
IT WAS A TIME FOR STAYING  
COOL, AND STICKING TO YOUR



GUNS -- AND THAT'S JUST WHEN  
YOU WANT STEVE SYMMS  
BESIDE YOU.

AND STEVE HAS BEEN WITH  
ME, AND WITH PRESIDENT  
REAGAN, AND PRESIDENT BUSH,  
TIME AND TIME AND TIME AGAIN,  
ON CRUCIAL VOTES ON THE  
FLOOR OF THE SENATE.

MORE IMPORTANT EVEN

THAN STICKING WITH HIS  
FRIENDS, THOUGH, STEVE  
SYMMS STICKS TO HIS  
PRINCIPLES.

THERE IS NO MORE  
STAUNCH PATRIOT IN THE  
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,  
AND THERE NEVER HAS BEEN,  
THAN STEVE SYMMS.

OVER THE YEARS, STEVE

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HAS RECEIVED MANY, MANY  
AWARDS FOR HIS PATRIOTISM  
AND HIS SERVICE TO THIS  
COUNTRY. BUT I KNOW THAT  
THERE IS ONE THAT HE IS  
ESPECIALLY PROUD OF -- THE  
"IRON MIKE" AWARD FROM THE  
U.S. MARINE CORPS. HE  
EPITOMIZES THE CREDO OF THE  
CORPS -- "SEMPER FIDELIS."

AND THERE IS NO MORE  
STAUNCH DEFENDER OF  
FREEDOM IN THE CONGRESS, OR  
IN THE COUNTRY, THAN STEVE  
SYMMS.

OVER MANY YEARS, HE HAS  
BEEN A LEADER IN THE EFFORTS  
TO KEEP AMERICA STRONG, TO  
WIN THE 'COLD WAR', AND END  
COMMUNIST TYRANNY, TO



**BRING DEMOCRACY TO NATIONS  
ALL AROUND THE WORLD -- TO  
ANGOLA, TO NICARAGUA, TO  
AFGHANISTAN, TO THE BALTIC  
STATES.**

**BUT STEVE ALSO  
UNDERSTANDS, AND REMINDS  
US THAT, IN THE LONG RUN,  
THERE CAN BE NO POLITICAL  
FREEDOM UNLESS IT IS**

ACCOMPANIED, AND ENHANCED  
BY, ECONOMIC FREEDOM. IN  
THE SENATE OF THE UNITED  
STATES, STEVE SYMMS IS "MR.  
FREE ENTERPRISE." HE  
UNDERSTANDS, AND REMINDS  
US THAT, AS MUCH AS THEY  
NEED THEIR POLITICAL RIGHTS,  
PEOPLE EVERYWHERE NEED  
HOPE AND THE PROMISE OF A

**BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR  
THEMSELVES AND THEIR  
CHILDREN.**

**ON JANUARY 3, STEVE  
SYMMS WILL RETIRE FROM THE  
SENATE, AND THAT BODY WILL  
LOSE A STRONG VOICE OF  
REASON; A STRONG VOICE FOR  
FREEDOM. MORE PERSONALLY,  
THOUGH, ALL OF US WHO KNOW**

AND SERVE WITH STEVE SYMMS  
KNOW WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
HAVE A GREAT AND TRUE  
FRIEND.

I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS  
REALLY A "STAR-STUDDED"  
TRIBUTE, BUT I DO KNOW THAT  
IT IS A TRIBUTE TO A GUY WHO,  
BY ALL HUMAN STANDARDS, IS A  
REAL STAR.

  
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