HALVERSON SERVICE

*Senator Nickles will open program and call upon speakers. Each has been requested to keep remarks in 2-3 minute length.

ORDER OF SPEAKERS

Senator Dole Senator Daschle Senator Coats Senator Nunn Doug Coe 3 Capitol Hill employees MRS. HALVERSON, MEMBERS OF THE HALVERSON FAMILY, COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS: BESIDES OFFERING THE PRAYER THAT OPENS EACH SENATE SESSION, THERE REALLY IS NO FORMAL JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN.

BUT, AS WE ALL KNOW, DR. RICHARD HALVERSON DIDN'T NEED A JOB DESCRIPTION. HE WAS A MINISTER. AND LIKE MINISTERS EVERYWHERE, HE BELIEVED HIS RESPONSIBILITY WAS TO SERVE HIS PARISH.

SOME WHO SERVED AS SENATE CHAPLAIN IN THE MORE THAN 200 YEAR HISTORY OF THAT OFFICE SAW THEIR PARISH AS BEING LIMITED TO JUST THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE. BUT REVEREND HALVERSON CHANGED THE JOB FOREVER, BECAUSE HE SAW HIS CONGREGATION AS BEING MUCH LARGER THAN JUST 100 MEMBERS.

YES, HE WAS ALWAYS THERE WHEN SENATORS NEEDED HIM. AND YES, HE HAD A SPECIAL SENSE OF KNOWING WHEN WE NEEDED HIM--OFTEN EVEN BEFORE WE KNEW IT OURSELVES.

BUT, AS WE SEE TODAY, HE WAS ALSO THERE FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR SENATE FAMILY. FROM POLICE OFFICERS, TO

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CUSTODIANS, TO RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES, TO PERSONAL AND COMMITTEE STAFFERS, DR. HALVERSON WAS ON A FIRST NAME BASIS WITH COUNTLESS MEMBERS OF OUR SENATE FAMILY.

HIS MOTTO WAS SIMPLE. "I TRY NEVER TO BE IN A HURRY," HE SAID, DESCRIBING HIS FREQUENT WALKS THROUGH THE CAPITOL.

THOSE ARE WORDS YOU DON'T HEAR VERY OFTEN IN THIS FAST-

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PACED CITY--BUT THEY ARE WORDS THAT REMIND ME OF MY YEARS IN RUSSELL, KANSAS.

RUSSELL WAS ONE OF THOSE TOWNS WHERE NO ONE WAS IN A HURRY...WHERE PEOPLE ALWAYS HAD TIME TO LISTEN TO EACH OTHER...WHERE EVERYONE NEW EVERYONE ELSE, AND WHERE YOU ALWAYS REACHED OUT TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED.

AND IT IS MY BELIEF THAT RICHARD HALVERSON WAS UNIVERSALLY LOVED AND ADMIRED BECAUSE EACH AND EVERY DAY, IN WAYS LARGE AND SMALL, HE MADE CAPITOL HILL A LITTLE MORE LIKE RUSSELL. **KANSAS...A LITTLE MORE LIKE PERRY**, GEORGIA ... A LITTLE MORE LIKE FORT WAYNE, TNDIANA OR ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA...A LITTLE MORE LIKE THE PLACE THAT EACH OF **US CALLS HOME.**

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MRS. HALVERSON, I KNOW I SPEAK FOR ALL THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE SENATE DURING THE PAST FOURTEEN YEARS, IN THANKING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR SHARING THIS REMARKABLE MAN WITH US.

Memorial Service

In Grateful Memory of Dr. Richard C. Halverson



United States Senate 60th Chaplain February 2, 1981 - February 5, 1995

Dr. Richard C. Halverson February 4, 1916 - November 28, 1995

The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Halverson was one of the truly great spiritual leaders of our time. He was the distinguished and beloved 60th Chaplain of the United States Senate from February 2, 1981 to February 5, 1995. Dr. Halverson expressed deep care and encouragement to the Senators, their families and staffs, and Senate employees. During his fourteen year ministry as Chaplain he enabled the Senate to be a caring family of people who help each other enjoy the delights and endure the difficulties of life.

Chaplain Halverson's eloquent prayers opening the Senate expressed his love for God and his patriotism for our Nation. His preaching and writing made him a pastor to the Nation.

However, it was Dr. Halverson's radiant countenance and love-filled "God bless you!" that warmed the hearts of people at the Capitol. He had an amazing knowledge of people's needs and was a faithful intercessor. As a spiritual counselor, he helped people experience God's love and find answers to their deepest questions. He had a way of making people feel loved, accepted, valued and special.

Richard Halverson was a native of North Dakota. He was educated at Wheaton College and Princeton Theological Seminary. Honorary doctoral degrees were awarded him by Wheaton College and Gordon College. Prior to coming to Washington to work with the Prayer Breakfast movement and subsequently as Senior Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland for twenty-three years, he was Leadership Education Minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, California.

As an author, Dr. Halverson published over twenty books and wrote the popular nationally distributed newsletter, *Perspective*. He served on the boards of several Christian organizations and has been a leader in the movement of the ministry of the laity.

Our beloved friend is survived by his wife, Doris, and three children: Reverend Richard C. Halverson, Jr., Stephen S. Halverson, Deborah Halverson Markey, and nine grandchildren.

We are profoundly thankful for the impact of this great man of God!

In the space below, please record your reflections on Dr. Halverson.

My fondest memory of Dr. Halverson is . . .

When completed, hand to an Usher or mail to: Doris Halverson, c/o Office of the Senate Chaplain, Washington, DC 20510

Call To Worship

Choral Praise

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Shared Blessing

Reading of Scripture and Personal Word

A Favorite Hymn of Dr. Halverson

Great is Thy faithfulness, 0 God my Father There is no shadow of fuming with Thee Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not To Thy great Faithfulness, mercy and love.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness Morning by morning new mercies I see All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

Chorus

A Favorite Hymn of Dr. Halverson

Grateful Reflections

Members of the Senate and Staff

Led by Senator Don Nickles

"Amazing Grace" (Verses 1, 5)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now am found Was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

A Message of Hope

Choral Anthem

Benediction

National Christian Choir

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(Verses 1, 3)

Rev. Chris Halverson

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Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie

National Christian Choir

Order for Grateful Reflections, 11:45-12:15:

There will no introduction in between speakers:

Senator Don Nickles Senator Bob Dole Senator Tom Daschle Officer Bob Ellis, Capitol Police Mr. Myron Flemming, Senate Doorkeeper Ms. Annie Wright, Waitress, Senator's Dining Room Mr. Doug Coe Senator Sam Nunn Senator Dan Coats