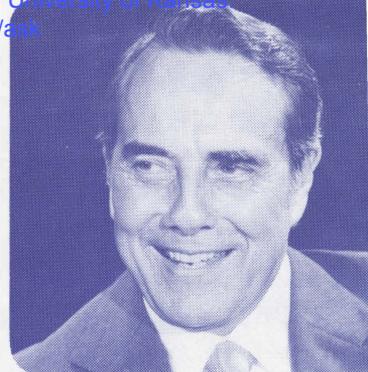


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TONIGHT WE MEET IN CELEBRATION OF A NATION RENEWED. RONALD REAGAN HAS RESTORED DIGNITY TO HIS OFFICE, A SENSE OF DIRECTION TO OUR FOREIGN POLICY, AND HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO THE POCKETS OF AMERICAN TAXPAYERS. TOGETHER, WE HAVE RAISED THE SPIRITS OF AMERICA HIGHER THAN THE INDEXES OF OUR ECONOMY, AND WE HAVE DUSTED OFF AN OLD AND HONORED TRADITION IN THIS COUNTRY: THE TWO-TERM PRESIDENCY. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE PRESIDENT DWIGHT EISENHOWER HELD THE OFFICE, THE COUNTRY WE LOVE IS A COUNTRY AT PEACE WITH ITSELF.

THAT'S NOT ALL. A CENTURY AGO, A GREAT THINKER IN THE LAND CAPTURED THE ESSENCE OF A NEW REPUBLIC. AMERICA, SAID EMERSON, WAS "THE COUNTRY OF THE FUTURE ... A COUNTRY OF BEGINNINGS, OF EXPECTATIONS." IT HAS BEEN THAT WAY SINCE AN EMPTY CONTINENT FIRST BECKONED TO REFUGEES FLEEING FROM OPPRESSION.

OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE DRAWN OUR STRENGTH FROM A MORAL COMMITMENT TO LIVE TOGETHER AS NEIGHBORS. WE'VE BECOME A NATION OF DOERS, NOT DOUBTERS; A LAND OF OPEN DOORS AND OPEN MINDS. IT WAS FROM AMERICA THAT THERE BURST FORTH THE PLAIN TRUTH THAT GOVERNMENT IS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE GOVERNED, AND WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE TO GOD. ON THESE FOUNDATIONS, WE BUILT A SOCIETY RICH IN IDEALS.

FOR THIS, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CAME INTO BEING, PROTESTING SLAVERY AND MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN. FOR THIS, MILLIONS OF OUR YOUTH HAVE SHOULDERED ARMS AND GONE OFF TO DO BATTLE FOR THEIR FAITH IN ONE ANOTHER. MANY CAME HOME IN BOXES. MANY HAVE NOT COME HOME AT ALL.

IT'S THAT BELIEF THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THIS GREAT
REPUBLIC, AND IT'S THAT BELIEF THAT KEEPS HOPE ALIVE.
HOPE IS THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA. AND HOPE IS WHAT WE
LACKED JUST FOUR SHORT YEARS AGO.

THE POOR LACKED HOPE OF ANYTHING BETTER. BLACK
PEOPLE LACKED HOPE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ALREADY
DELAYED. THE WORKING MAN AND WOMAN LACKED HOPE THAT THEIR
WAGES WOULD OUTPACE CRUEL INFLATION. THE SENIOR CITIZEN
LACKED HOPE THAT SOCIAL SECURITY WOULD KEEP ITS PROMISES
TO THEM. THE HISPANIC, LIKE OTHER ETHNIC AMERICANS, LACKED
HOPE THAT THEIR ADHERENCE TO FAMILY VALUES WOULD ADMIT THEM
TO THE FAMILY OF DECISION MAKERS. THE DISABLED LACKED HOPE
OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. THE FAMILY FARMER LACKED HOPE THAT
HIS LABOR WOULD BRING A DECENT STANDARD OF LIVING.

ALL OF US WONDERED -- NONE MORE THAN THE YOUNG --
IS AMERICA STILL WHAT SHE HAD BEEN -- A COUNTRY OF THE
FUTURE?

THE FOUR YEARS OF RONALD REAGAN ARE ANSWERING THAT QUESTION.

OH, YES -- OUR OPPONENTS HAVE TALKED OF THE FUTURE, AND ABOUT FAMILY, AND PATRIOTISM, AND PRIDE. BUT TALK -- UNLIKE THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM -- IS CHEAP.

IT'S EASIER TO DENOUNCE THE ARMS RACE, THAN CONTROL IT.

IT'S EASIER TO WAVE THE FLAG, THAN DEFEND IT.

IT'S EASIER TO MOAN ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT, THAN REDUCE IT.

IT'S EASIER TO POLITICIZE A BUDGET, THAN BALANCE IT.

AND SO, TO DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS AND OPTIMISTIC FELLOW REPUBLICANS -- I MAKE THIS APPEAL:

OURS IS NOT A PERFECT PARTY, BUT IT PROPOSES TO REPLACE POVERTY WITH PROSPERITY -- SOCIAL EXCLUSION WITH THE EMBRACE OF BROTHERHOOD -- NATIONAL UNCERTAINTY WITH NATIONAL PURPOSE.

WE ARE THE PARTY OF RUDY BOSCHWITZ, ALFONSE D'AMATO, UVALDO MARTINEZ, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, TAMMY WEINBRENNER, LEGREE DANIELS, MICHAEL SOTIRHOS, JOHN PAT MCCARTHY, CINDY SHINJA DAUB, LASZLO PASZTOR, NANCY CHIN-LEE, RALPH PERK, JOHN KRYNSKI, AND ASHLEY HOLDEN.

WE DO NOT CLAIM TO BE THE SOLE SOURCE OF HOPE, FOR HOPE LIVES IN MANY HEARTS. BUT OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS, WE HAVE DISPLAYED A CAPACITY TO CONVERT THAT GUIDING LIGHT OF AMERICAN IDENTITY FROM THE STUFF OF DREAMS TO THE SUBSTANCE OF DAILY LIVING. IT IS THAT VISION FOR WHICH WE SEEK YOUR SUPPORT. TOGETHER, WE WILL STAKE AMERICA'S CLAIM AS THE VOICE OF TOMORROW -- A CITADEL OF FREEDOM -- AND THE COUNTRY OF THE FUTURE.

A LEGACY IS A GIFT TO THE FUTURE. I AM FORTUNATE TO HAVE ONE OF MY OWN, AND I TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN PRESENTING HER TO YOU NOW...THE SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.