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WOMEN IN THE SENATE

LIBERAL GROUPS OVERLOOK, REFUSE TO SUPPORT,
TRADITION OF QUALITY GOP WOMEN CANDIDATES

WE ARE HEARING AGAIN AND AGAIN FROM WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS WHO INSIST THAT THERE BE MORE WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE...WHO INSIST THAT THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT HAD THERE BEEN A WOMAN ON THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

MY QUESTION IS WHERE WERE THESE ORGANIZATION IN 1990? WHERE WERE THEN IN 1988? WHERE WERE THEY IN 1986? WHERE WERE THEY IN 1984?

TIME AND AGAIN, REPUBLICANS HAVE NOMINATED QUALIFIED WOMEN FOR THE SENATE...WOMEN LIKE CLAUDINE SCHNEIDER IN RHODE ISLAND...PAT SAKAI IN HAWAII...JUDY KOEHLER AND LYNN MARTIN IN ILLINOIS...SUSAN ENGELEITER IN WISCONSIN... CHRISTINE WHITMAN IN NEW JERSEY...NANCY HOCH IN NEBRASKA.

AND TIME AND AGAIN, THE LIBERAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS, HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DEFEAT THESE CANDIDATES.

AS THE WALL STREET JOURNAL CORRECTLY POINTED OUT IN AN EDITORIAL EARLIER THIS WEEK, THESE "GROUPS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN ELECTING WOMEN TO OFFICE. THEY WANT TO ELECT LIBERALS."

LET ME BE CLEAR IN SAYING THAT THERE ARE MANY FINE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS IN AMERICA...ORGANIZATIONS WHICH DID SUPPORT THESE CANDIDATES, AND WHICH SUPPORTED MY COLLEAGUE, SENATOR KASSEBAUM, IN HER THREE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS FOR THE SENATE.

BUT THE LESSON IS CLEAR -- IF THE LIBERAL ORGANIZATIONS HAD BEEN MORE CONCERNED WITH ELECTING WOMEN TO THE SENATE, AND LESS CONCERNED WITH ELECTING CANDIDATES WHO MARCH LOCKSTEP WITH THEIR LIBERAL PHILOSOPHIES, THEN THERE VERY WELL WOULD BE MORE WOMEN SERVING IN THIS CHAMBER.

SO BEFORE THESE GROUPS POINT THE FINGER OF BLAME, THEY SHOULD TAKE A GOOD LOOK IN THE MIRROR.

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