

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE  
KICK-OFF BARBEQUE FOR HONORABLE LARRY WINN  
OLATHE, KANSAS  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1970

I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE LARRY WINN IS MY FRIEND AND A FELLOW REPUBLICAN, AND A SUPPORTER OF PRESIDENT NIXON. YOU PERHAPS EXPECT ME TO BE HERE FOR THOSE REASONS, BUT I AM ALSO HERE FOR AN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT REASON -- AND THAT IS BECAUSE LARRY WINN IS AN OUTSTANDING CONGRESSMAN WHO WORKS TIRELESSLY TO REPRESENT HIS DISTRICT, HIS STATE, AND HIS COUNTRY.

LARRY WINN'S RECORD

PARTISANSHIP IN MANY AREAS WILL END ON ELECTION DAY AND, HOPEFULLY, BEFORE THAT TIME THE VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT -- DEMOCRATS, REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS -- WILL REVIEW LARRY'S RECORD AND COMPARE HIS ACHIEVEMENTS TO THOSE -- IF ANY -- OF HIS OPPONENT. NO ONE IN PUBLIC OFFICE IS AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLED TO RE-ELECTION, BUT SOME ELECTED OFFICIALS DESERVE TO BE RETURNED TO OFFICE BECAUSE OF THEIR PERFORMANCE AND ABILITY. LARRY WINN FALLS IN THIS CATEGORY. AND A LOOK AT HIS RECORD PROVES IT.

-- HIS LEADERSHIP IN ATTEMPTING TO BRING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN WIDELY RECOGNIZED. TWICE HE HAS RECEIVED THE WATCHDOG OF THE TREASURY AWARD FOR HIS VIGILANCE AND DEDICATION TO ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT.

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- HE HAS STOOD FIRM FOR STRENGTHENING LAW ENFORCEMENT IN AMERICA AND WAS ONE OF THE SPONSORS OF THE FAR-REACHING AND PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CRIME ACT.
- HE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE LEADING HOUSE MEMBERS IN SEEKING PASSAGE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION.

LARRY'S OPPONENT WILL SOON LEARN THAT AN ELECTION CANNOT BE WON BY MASSIVE CAMPAIGN SPENDING AND IRRESPONSIBLE PROMISES, BECAUSE THE VOTERS IN THE THIRD DISTRICT RECOGNIZE AND DEMAND MORE THAN MERE WORDS. AND LARRY WINN HAS A SOLID RECORD, COMPILED OVER TWO TERMS AS YOUR CONGRESSMAN.

LET ME SAY TO YOU, AS REPUBLICANS, THAT LARRY WINN HAS BEEN A TEAM PLAYER IN THE CONGRESS, AND IN KANSAS, AND HE IS PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR PARTY. HIS OPPONENT, ON THE OTHER HAND, SHIES AWAY FROM HIS PARTY LABEL -- AND CREATES SEPARATE CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATIONS IN MANY AREAS. I CAN UNDERSTAND HIS RELUCTANCE TO BECOME IDENTIFIED WITH THE RADICAL ISOLATIONIST LIBERALS WHO HAVE TAKEN OVER THE DEMOCRAT PARTY IN AMERICA. BUT IF A MAN IS HESITANT TO STAND UP FOR HIS PARTY, IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THAT HE WILL STAND UP AND BE COUNTED ON THE GREAT ISSUES THAT HE WOULD BE EXPECTED TO CONFRONT IN THE OFFICE HE SEEKS TO HOLD.

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AND HE HAS NOT SPOKEN OUT ON THE ISSUES OF THIS CAMPAIGN. YES, HE HAS CRITICIZED AND ATTACKED LARRY WINN'S POSITIONS, BUT HE DOES NOT GIVE HIS OWN PROPOSALS, HIS OWN POSITIONS, HIS OWN IDEAS. HE DOES HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO SPEAK ON THE ISSUES AND NOT TO ATTEMPT TO SELL HIMSELF BY SHALLOW SLOGANS AND SLICK ADVERTISEMENTS.

VIETNAM

THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE OF THE TIME IS THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND, FORTUNATELY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT, RICHARD NIXON, IS ENDING THAT WAR HE INHERITED FROM THE DEMOCRATS.

LARRY WINN SUPPORTS PRESIDENT NIXON IN HIS EFFORTS TO EXTRICATE US FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, WHILE HIS OPPONENT, WHO WAS STRANGELY SILENT DURING THE KENNEDY-JOHNSON YEARS OF ESCALATION, NOW SEEKS TO WASH HIS HANDS OF THE TRAGIC AFFAIR BY CRITICIZING PRESIDENT NIXON AND LARRY WINN.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PEACE IS NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE. THE MEN AND WE SEND TO SOUTHEAST ASIA ARE NOT PAWNS IN A CHESS GAME. THEY ARE THE WEALTH OF THIS NATION. WE ARE NOT LOSING SERIAL NUMBERS IN THOSE JUNGLES AND SWAMPS, WE ARE LOSING THE POTENTIAL OF A GENERATION -- WE ARE LOSING SURGEONS AND SCIENTISTS, WE ARE LOSING FARMERS AND POETS AND PAINTERS AND STATESMEN; AND WE KNOW IT, AND WE KNOW IT WITH A PAIN IN OUR HEARTS THAT NOTHING WILL EVER PUT TO REST.

THIS IS A HARD THING, THIS WAR; AND IT IS A HARD THING TO TOLERATE THE VICIOUSNESS OF THOSE POLITICIANS WHO ARE DETERMINED TO CASH IN ON IT RIGHT DOWN TO THE LAST DROP OF OUR YOUNG MEN'S BLOOD.

AND THIS IS WHAT CONCERNS LARRY WINN -- THIS IS WHY HE SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT. AND IF HIS OPPONENT DOES NOT HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE -- AS APPARENTLY HE NEVER HAS -- THEN HE, IN EFFECT, ADDS NOTHING TO CONSTRUCTIVE DEBATE AND SEEKS ONLY TO APPEAL TO THOSE WHOSE VISION IS CLOUDED BY THE FURY OF THEIR OWN RHETORIC AND WHOSE RESOLVE IS AS SHALLOW AS THEIR PSEUDO-PHILOSOPHY.

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I HAVE NO PERSONAL QUARREL WITH LARRY'S OPPONENT. BUT WHEN WE SPEAK OF ELECTING THOSE WHO WILL REPRESENT US IN THE CONGRESS, WE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW THEIR POSITIONS ON THE IMPORTANT DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF THE DAY. WE HAVE A RIGHT TO HEAR MORE THAN GENERALITIES ABOUT MORE SPENDING AND REORDERED PRIORITIES -- MORE THAN BILLBOARD SLOGANS AND MORE THAN MERE NEGATIVE CRITICISM OF AN OPPONENT.

SO I URGE YOU TO GET OUT AND WORK FOR LARRY WINN, BECAUSE THE THIRD DISTRICT, KANSAS AND OUR COUNTRY NEED LARRY IN WASHINGTON. HE HAS ESTABLISHED HIMSELF IN HIS FIRST TWO TERMS. HE IS JUST BEGINNING. HE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO CONTINUE HIS WORK.

KENT FRIZZELL

ANOTHER KANSAN, NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TOO. HE IS KENT FRIZZELL, OUR NEXT GOVERNOR.

I AM SURE KENT IS GOING TO WIN IN NOVEMBER, BECAUSE HE IS QUALIFIED AND HE HAS AN OUTSTANDING RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. HE IS ALSO GOING TO WIN BECAUSE KANSANS ARE DEMANDING LEADERSHIP AND PROGRESSIVE DIRECTION AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT -- LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL. SO I JUST WANT TO URGE YOU TO WORK HARD FOR KENT IN THE COMING WEEKS, BECAUSE KANSAS NEEDS HIM.

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CONCLUSION

HERE IN KANSAS WE HAVE GREAT OOPORTUNITIES THIS YEAR. THE  
REPUBLICAN RESPONSE TO THIS ELECTION YEAR CHALLENGE IS CLEAR.

WE MUST PROVIDE THIS GREAT STATE AND OUR COUNTRY WITH THE LEADERSHIP  
IT NEEDS IN THIS TRYING AND PERILOUS ERA.

THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT OUR DEMOCRAT-CREATED PROBLEMS --  
EXCEPT SOLVE THEM. BUT WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE DEMOCRAT PROBLEM-  
MAKERS AND SOLUTION-BLOCKERS.

WHAT WE CAN AND MUST DO IS ELECT REPUBLICANS LIKE LARRY WINN AND  
KENT FRIZZELL TO JOIN RICHARD NIXON IN SOLVING OUR PROBLEMS -- MEETING OUR  
CHALLENGES -- AND LEADING OUR STATE AND NATION IN THE 1970's.