

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE
TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR RALPH HALPERN
GREAT NECK, LONG ISLAND
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1971

IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE THIS EVENING TO PAY TRIBUTE TO A MAN WHO HAS SPENT 60 YEARS IN THE SERVICE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. RALPH HALPERN'S LONG AND LOYAL SERVICE -- THROUGH THE LEAN YEARS AND THE GOOD YEARS -- IS THE KIND OF SELFLESS EXAMPLE THAT HAS KEPT OUR PARTY GOING AND GROWING.

HIS BRAND OF EFFORT AND DEDICATION AT THE GRASS ROOTS KEEPS REPUBLICANISM ALIVE AND FLOURISHING -- KEEPS THE PARTY AND THE PARTY LEADERSHIP TUNED IN TO THE PEOPLE.

AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE; AS CHIEF DEPUTY BOXING COMMISSIONER; AS DEPUTY TAX COMMISSIONER; AS REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEEMAN FOR NEARLY HALF A CENTURY; AND AS SECRETARY OF THE QUEENS COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE LAST THIRTY YEARS, RALPH HALPERN HAS GIVEN THIS KIND OF SERVICE.

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TONIGHT WE ARE GATHERED HERE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION.
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, I THINK IT IS FIT-
TING THAT I SHOULD BE HERE WITH YOU, FOR JUST AS RALPH HALPERN'S WORK
HAS SERVED THE LOCAL PARTY, HIS EXAMPLE SERVES THE NATIONAL PARTY.
FEW PEOPLE HAVE SERVED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY LONGER -- AND EVEN FEWER
HAVE SERVED IT BETTER.

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I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY FRIEND AND FORMER COLLEAGUE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SY HALPERN, FOR INVITING ME TO BE HERE THIS EVENING. SY IS THE ULTIMATE PROOF OF HIS FATHER'S SERVICES TO THE PARTY, AND HE HAS BUILT A DISTINGUISHED RECORD IN THE CONGRESS THAT HIS FATHER AND HIS CONSTITUENTS CAN BE PROUD OF.

DURING MY YEARS IN THE HOUSE, I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO GET TO KNOW SY HALPERN, BOTH AS A COMPETENT, HARD-WORKING CONGRESSMAN, AND AS A MAN WITH A WARM AND WINNING SENSE OF HUMOR.

OUT OF 19 CONGRESSIONAL SEATS REPRESENTING NEW YORK CITY, ONLY THE 6TH DISTRICT -- SY'S DISTRICT -- IS STILL IN REPUBLICAN HANDS. TO ME, THIS IS A TRIBUTE TO TWO GENERATIONS OF HALPERNS, FATHER AND SON, AND TO THE TRUST AND REPUTATION THEY HAVE BUILT UP AS LEADERS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OVER THE PAST SIXTY YEARS.

FATHER AND SON -- THEY HAVE SERVED -- AND CONTINUE TO SERVE US WELL.