

THE DEDICATION OF THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL SCULPTURE OF MR. HUMPHREY
STATUARY HALL, THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL
SEPTEMBER 10, 1984 - 8:00 P.M.
REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

THANK YOU, DWAYNE. AS USUAL, YOU ARE TOO GENEROUS. OF COURSE, DWAYNE'S MADE A CAREER OUT OF BEING GENEROUS. HE HAS A CAPACITY FOR FRIENDSHIP THAT KNOWS NO LIMITS. HUBERT HUMPHREY WAS PERHAPS THE BIGGEST MAN WHO EVER FOUND HIS WAY INTO DWAYNE'S ORBIT. HE CERTAINLY WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST MEN I'VE EVER KNOWN. AND THIS EVENING, IN THIS HALL WHERE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE PAY TRIBUTE TO SOME OF THEIR GREATEST HEROES - NEAR THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER WHERE HUBERT MADE HISTORY AND THE ROTUNDA WHERE A GRIEVING NATION MOURNED HIS PASSING - I COUNT IT A GREAT HONOR TO JOIN WITH ALL OF YOU IN REMEMBERING A FRIEND WE CAN HARDLY FORGET.

IN THE COURSE OF MY CAREER ON THIS SIDE OF THE CAPITOL, I CAN RECALL COUNTLESS MEETINGS WITH HUBERT. I REMEMBER DISCUSSING

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AGRICULTURE WITH HIM, AND THE RIGHTS OF THE HANDICAPPED, AND THE WIC PROGRAM THAT HE FATHERED LIKE SO MANY OTHER LEGISLATIVE MILESTONES - BECAUSE HE WAS A MAN OF GENEROUS INSTINCTS, WHO WANTED HIS COUNTRY TO BE GENEROUS TOO, TO SHARE ITS BOUNTIES WITH ALL OF ITS PEOPLE.

"DON'T GIVE UP AND DON'T GIVE IN," HE ONCE SAID. THE WORDS WEREN'T EXACTLY THE SAME, MURIEL, BUT THE SENTIMENTS BEHIND THEM CERTAINLY WERE, IN WHAT I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH AS MY MOST MEMORABLE ENCOUNTER WITH HUBERT. IT WASN'T LONG AFTER THE 1976 ELECTION, AND WE'D LOST, AND I WAS FEELING MORE THAN A LITTLE BLUE ABOUT IT. YOU MAY RECALL THAT THE PUNDITS WERE SPECULATING ON THE NARROWNESS OF PRESIDENT FORD'S DEFEAT. I LEARNED THEN AND THERE THAT LOSING BY A WHISKER CAN BE WORSE THAN TAKING A LICKING. BECAUSE IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, YOU GET BLAMED FOR BEING THE WHISKER!

WELL, I WAS SITTING IN THE SENATE DINING ROOM, ALONE, WHEN WHO SHOULD APPEAR BY MY SIDE BUT HUBERT. HE SAT DOWN AND HE SAID

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TO ME, "BOB, IT'S TOUGH TO LOSE. I KNOW, I'VE BEEN THROUGH IT MYSELF. WHEN IT'S THIS CLOSE, THERE'S BOUND TO BE A LOT OF SECOND GUESSING. BUT WHAT COUNTS IS THAT YOU WENT OUT AND MADE THE EFFORT. YOU ALMOST PULLED IT OFF. I TELL YOU: IT'S EASY TO BE A GOOD WINNER. IT'S SOMETIMES HARD TO BE A GOOD LOSER."

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ON ANOTHER OCCASION, A PUBLIC OCCASION, HUBERT HUMPHREY DEFINED THE ESSENCE OF HIS SPECIAL CREED. "OH, MY FRIEND," HE EXPLAINED, "IT'S NOT WHAT THEY TAKE AWAY FROM YOU THAT COUNTS - IT'S WHAT YOU DO WITH WHAT YOU HAVE LEFT."

HOW MUCH HE DID! OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE WAS NEVER PRESIDENT. BUT HE HAD MORE IMPACT ON THIS LAND THAN MANY MEN WHO HAVE OCCUPIED THE OVAL OFFICE. HIS WAS A VOICE FOR DECENCY AND HONOR, IN A TOWN WHERE THESE QUALITIES NEVER LOSE THEIR NEED FOR A CHAMPION. WE REQUIRE NO ^{mark}~~STATUE~~ TO MEMORIALIZE SUCH A MAN. HIS MONUMENT IS CONTAINED IN A STREAM OF LEGISLATION, AND A RIVER OF HUMAN EXISTENCE IMPROVED BECAUSE OF HIS COMPASSION. HE RAISED OUR SIGHTS, AS HE

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LIFTED OUR SPIRIT. HE MADE THE LIFE OF THIS NATION A LITTLE FINER.
AND TO YOU, MURIEL, AS TO YOUR FAMILY AND ALL WHO WERE PRIVILEGED
TO CALL HIM FRIEND, MAY I EXPRESS MY CONGRATULATIONS FOR HAVING
SHARED IN SO TRIUMPHANT A LIFE. THAT IS HOW I WISH TO REMEMBER
HUBERT - NOT IN MARBLE OR BRONZE, ALTHOUGH HE DESERVES SUCH
REMEMBRANCE, BUT AS A WARM HEART AND A CREATIVE MIND. AND SO I
WOULD ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST: TO HUBERT, WHOSE ~~STATUE~~ ^{STATURE} WILL
GUARD ~~THESE~~ ^{THE} CORRIDORS OF POWER FOR AS LONG AS THEY EXIST - AND
WHOSE SPIRIT WILL HOLD A SPECIAL PLACE WHEREVER MEN AND WOMEN
DISTILL HOPE FROM EXPERIENCE, AND TRANSLATE VISION INTO LAW.

man of generous instincts,
This is the most bipartisan checkbook I know. More important, he has a capacity for friendship that knows no limits - a friend we can hardly forget.
Thank you, Dwayne. As usual, you are too generous. Of course, Dwayne's made a career out of being too generous. But then, he's always attracted warmhearted people the way flypaper attracts flies. Hubert Humphrey was perhaps the biggest man who ever found his way into Dwayne's orbit. He certainly was one of the biggest men I've ever known. And this evening, in this hall where the American people pay tribute to some of their greatest heroes - near the legislative chamber where Hubert made history and the Rotunda where a grieving nation mourned his passing - I count it a great honor to join with all of you in remembering a man no one who knew him will ever forget. ~~calling back remembering~~

Muriel, In the course of my career on this side of the Capitol, I can recall countless meetings with Hubert. I remember discussing agriculture with him, and the rights of the handicapped, and the WICK program that he fathered like so many other legislative milestones - because he was a Christian gentleman, who wanted to extend the bounties of a much blessed land to all of its people. ~~share to~~

"Don't give up and don't give in," he once said. The words weren't exactly the same, but the sentiments behind them certainly were, in what I will always cherish as perhaps my most memorable encounter with Hubert. It wasn't long after the 1976 election, and we'd lost, and I was feeling more than a little blue about it. You may recall that yours truly was not exactly being lionized for delivering the farm belt; on the contrary, the pundits were speculating on the narrowness of President Ford's defeat, and I learned then and there that losing by a whisker can be worse than taking a licking. If you're not careful, you get blamed for being the whisker! ~~Because~~ ~~Muriel~~ ~~he explained~~

Well, I was sitting in the Senate Dining Room, alone, when who should appear by my side but Hubert. He sat down and then he said something that meant more than any consolation I could imagine. He said to me, "Bob, it's tough to lose. I know, I've been through it myself. When it's this close, there's bound to be a lot of second guessing. But what counts is that you went out and made the effort. You almost pulled it off. I tell you: it's easy to be a good winner. It's not so easy to be a good loser!" ~~(over)~~

Ladies and gentlemen, on another occasion, this is what Hubert Humphrey said. He said, "Oh, my friend, it's not what they take away from you that counts - it's what you do with what you have left!"

I can only add that we require no statue to memorialize such a man. His monument is contained in a stream of legislation, and a river of human existence improved because of his compassion. He raised our sights, and he raised our standards. He made the life of this nation a little finer. And he made the lives of all with whom he came in contact a little more distant from the cynicism and self-centeredness that can breed in the corridors of power. To you, Muriel, as to your family and each of us who were privileged to call him friend, may I express my congratulations for having shared in so triumphant a life. And that is how I wish to remember my friend Hubert - not a man of marble or bronze, but a man of flesh and blood. ~~all~~ ~~we were~~ ~~as lifted spirit~~

How much he died!
Our friend and colleague was never President. But he had more impact on this land than many men who have occupied the Oval Office. It was a voice for decency and honor, in a town where these qualities never live. ~~They need for a champion~~

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Accepted

On the occasion of the award of
The Hubert Horatio Humphrey Congressional Gold Medal
presented by President Reagan
and on the occasion of

The Dedication of the Vice Presidential Sculpture of
Mr. Humphrey in the United States Senate

Mrs. Muriel Humphrey Brown
and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Andreas
request the pleasure of your company at Dinner
on Monday, the tenth of September
at eight o'clock

Statuary Hall, The United States Capitol

Put on schedule
O.K.

Black tie

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Please clear with
Betty. (Hester
will talk to
her about it
tomorrow.)
They both think
it is something
they will want to
do. SJB