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IN HONOR OF
JOHN C. DANFORTH
UNITED STATES SENATOR

MAY 24, 1994



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United States
Holocaust Memorial Council

John C. Danforth on Remembrance

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April 28, 1987*

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WELCOME

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CLOSING REMARKS

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Brief Remarks

Tues, May 24
Holocaust Museum
5:00-5:51 Program
6:00-6:45 stand-up reception

UNITED STATES
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

February 7, 1994

Miles Lerman
Chairman
United States Holocaust
Memorial Council

The Honorable Bob Dole
United States Senate
SH-141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

On behalf of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in a special tribute in honor of one of your most distinguished colleagues, John Danforth.

As you may know, long before there was a Holocaust Museum, Senator Danforth was a leader in encouraging our nation to commemorate the Holocaust so that we might "recommit ourselves to stand up for the oppressed." With this language, Senator Danforth introduced legislation to establish Days of Remembrance which has been an annual tradition since 1979. Indeed, Reverend Danforth delivered a sermon at the first Days of Remembrance Ceremony at the National Cathedral in 1979 and again in 1993 to mark the opening of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The Museum would now like to thank Senator Danforth publicly for his unstinting support and active dedication over the years. On May 24 in a simple ceremony, joined by family, friends and colleagues, Senator Danforth will be honored, and the Museum, along with the Danforth family, would like to invite you to deliver brief remarks. A tentative program is enclosed.

Senator Danforth described "Days of Remembrance" as "a time to reflect upon our humanity and our respect and love for others." Given his contribution to this historic endeavor, it only seems appropriate that we do the same for him.

Please contact me or Sara Bloomfield, our Director of Congressional Relations, to let us know if you can join us for this important event.

Laurie -

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Sincerely,

Miles Lerman
Chairman

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3-7-94 advised Laurie - no commitment at this time -- "if possible"

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UNITED STATES
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

January 1, 1994

EVENT: United States Holocaust Memorial
Council Tribute to Senator Danforth

DATE: May 24, 1994

TIME: 4:30pm - 4:55pm Arrival of Guests
5:00pm - 5:51pm Formal Program
6:00pm - 6:45pm Stand-up Reception

PLACE: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Meyerhoff Theater - Lower Level

PROGRAM:

- 5:00pm Master of Ceremonies makes welcoming remarks,
acknowledges special guests and introduces
Democratic Senator.
- 5:02pm Remarks by Democratic Senator. *Lieberman*
- 5:08pm Introduction of Republican Senator.
- 5:09pm Remarks by Republican Senator. *Dole*
- 5:14pm Introduction of Dr. Michael Berenbaum,
Director of the United States Holocaust
Research Institute of the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum.
- 5:15pm Selected Reading by Dr. Berenbaum.
- 5:19pm Introduction of Chorus.
- 5:20pm Chorus Sings.
- 5:24pm Introduction of Danforth Family Member.
- 5:25pm Remarks by Danforth Family Member.
- 5:30pm Introduction of the Honorable Miles Lerman,
Chairman, United States Holocaust Memorial
Council.
- 5:31pm Remarks and Presentation by the Chairman
of the United States Holocaust Memorial
Council.



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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

United States Holocaust Memorial
Council Tribute to Senator Danforth
Scenario continued.

- 5:36pm Remarks by Senator Danforth.
- 5:44pm Introduction of Clergyman from the National Cathedral.
- 5:45pm Spiritual Message by Clergyman from the National Cathedral.
- 5:47pm Introduction of Chorus.
- 5:48pm Chorus sings, "God Bless America".
- 5:51pm Program Concludes.



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TRIBUTE TO DANFORTH

THANK YOU. AS I STAND
HERE IN THE MEYERHOFF
THEATER, I RECALL THE
PERSONAL TOUR THROUGH THIS
REMARKABLE MUSEUM THAT
ELIZABETH AND I WERE
PRIVILEGED TO RECEIVE FROM
BUD MEYERHOFF.

LIKE ALL THOSE WHO VISIT
HERE, ELIZABETH AND I WERE
OVERWHELMED BY WHAT IS
TRULY THE MOST TRAGIC AND
HORRIFYING STORY OF OUR
TIME. AND WE AGREED THAT IT
IS A STORY THAT MUST BE
PRESERVED AND RETOLD SO
THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS
WILL "NEVER FORGET."

THIS IS A MISSION THAT
HAS LONG BEEN SHARED BY MY
COLLEAGUE, JACK DANFORTH.
AS YOU KNOW, FIFTEEN YEARS
AGO, SENATOR DANFORTH WAS
WRITING THE LEGISLATION THAT
ESTABLISHED THE "DAYS OF
REMEMBRANCE." IN
INTRODUCING THIS
LEGISLATION, HE SAID,

**"IF THE DAYS OF
REMEMBRANCE ARE TO BE
TRULY MEANINGFUL, WE MUST
SEE THEM NOT JUST AS
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ON INJUSTICES WE SEE IN OUR**

**OWN LIVES AND IN OUR OWN
TIMES."**

**THAT STATEMENT IS
TYPICAL JACK DANFORTH.
HONEST. ELOQUENT. FAR-
SIGHTED. ALWAYS CALLING
AMERICA TO HER BETTER
NATURE.**

**THROUGHOUT HIS NEARLY
EIGHTEEN YEARS IN THE**

SENATE, JACK DANFORTH HAS
EARNED A REPUTATION AS "THE
E.F. HUTTON" OF THE SENATE,
BECAUSE--YOU GUESSED IT--
"WHEN HE TALKS, PEOPLE
LISTEN."

WE LISTEN BECAUSE WE
KNOW THAT WHATEVER JACK
SAYS WILL BE IMPORTANT. AND
WE LISTEN BECAUSE WE KNOW

THAT JACK'S WORDS ARE
MATCHED BY HIS ACTIONS.

IN FACT, IF YOU WERE TO
ASK ALMOST ANY QUESTION IN
THE UNITED STATES SENATE,
YOU'D BE LIKELY TO GET 100
DIFFERENT ANSWERS.

BUT IF YOU WERE TO GO TO
EACH SENATOR AND ASK WHICH
OF OUR COLLEAGUES HAS THE

**MOST INTEGRITY, I THINK YOU
JUST MIGHT GET A NEAR-
UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**AND THE NAME THEY
WOULD MENTION, OF COURSE,
IS JACK DANFORTH.**

**I SAY A NEAR-UNANIMOUS
VOTE, BY THE WAY, BECAUSE
JACK HAS TOO MUCH INTEGRITY
TO VOTE FOR HIMSELF.**

I WANT TO LEAVE YOU THIS
EVENING WITH THE WORDS A
TEEN-AGER WROTE NEARLY 50
YEARS AGO, AND WORDS THAT I
BELIEVE DEFINE JACK
DANFORTH'S PHILOSOPHY OF
LIFE.

**"HOW LOVELY TO THINK
THAT NO ONE NEED WAIT A
MOMENT., WROTE ANNE FRANK
IN HER DIARY. "WE CAN START
NOW, START SLOWLY,
CHANGING THE WORLD. HOW
LOVELY THAT EVERYONE, GREAT
AND SMALL, CAN MAKE A
CONTRIBUTION."**

**I KNOW THAT EACH OF US,
THIS MUSEUM, THE UNITED
STATES SENATE, THE STATE OF
MISSOURI, AND AMERICA ARE
ALL BETTER OFF BECAUSE OF
THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY
JACK DANFORTH.**