

**SENATOR BOB DOLE
REPUBLICAN HOUSE CONFERENCE**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUSAN.

**LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING THAT
LAST WEEK I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF
MEETING SUSAN AND BILL'S
DAUGHTER, RUBY, WHO BY MY
CALCULATION WILL BE ELECTED TO
HER FIRST TERM IN CONGRESS IN THE
YEAR 2022. AND SENATOR
THURMOND LOOKS FORWARD TO
SERVING WITH HER.**

**AS I LOOK AROUND THIS ROOM I
CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT THE
NEXT TIME I WILL HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THIS
MANY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AT
ONE TIME WILL BE WHEN I DELIVER MY
FIRST STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS
NEXT JANUARY.**

**LET ME ALSO SAY TO PAT
ROBERTS, WHO IS MY CONGRESSMAN.
AS OF TOMORROW, PAT, I WILL BE
JUST LIKE ANY OF YOUR OTHER**

**CONSTITUENTS, AND MY QUESTION
TO YOU IS "WHAT HAVE YOU DONE
FOR ME LATELY?"**

**AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, DURING
THESE FINAL DAYS ON CAPITOL HILL,
I'VE BEEN ENGAGED IN A LITTLE
REMINISCING...AND I CAN'T HELP BUT
THINK BACK TO THE FOUR TERMS
THAT I SERVED IN THIS BODY.**

**BACK THEN, FRESHMAN WERE TO
BE SEEN AND NOT HEARD--WHICH
NEWT HAS TOLD ME A TIME OR TWO**

**MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN SUCH A BAD
IDEA.**

**JERRY FORD WAS BACK IN THE
CAPITOL LAST WEEK, AND I RECALLED
JOINING TOGETHER WITH THREE
OTHER REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE
KANSAS DELEGATION TO PROVIDE HIM
WITH THE VICTORY MARGIN IN HIS
RACE FOR REPUBLICAN LEADER.**

**BUT THE ONE THING I REMEMBER
MOST ABOUT MY EIGHT YEARS IN THE
HOUSE IS THAT THEY WERE ALL SPENT
IN THE MINORITY. AND AFTER I
MOVED TO THE SENATE, HOUSE
REPUBLICANS WERE IN THE MINORITY
FOR ANOTHER 26 YEARS.**

**AND IF THERE'S ONE PERSON WHO
MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE DESERVES
CREDIT FOR PUTTING REPUBLICANS IN
THE MAJORITY, IT'S THE SPEAKER OF
THE HOUSE.**

**THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE
SUGGESTED, BY THE WAY, THAT I
RESIGNED FROM THE SENATE IN
ORDER TO DISTANCE MYSELF FROM
NEWT, OR TO DISTANCE MYSELF FROM
THIS CONGRESS.**

**THE FACT IS THAT I WOULD NO
MORE DISTANCE MYSELF FROM THE
104TH CONGRESS THEN I WOULD
FROM THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION.**

**BECAUSE JUST AS THE 10TH
MOUNTAIN DIVISION FOUGHT FOR**

**FREEDOM, SO, TOO, AS THE 104TH
CONGRESS.**

**WE FOUGHT TO GIVE THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE FREEDOM FROM
DEFICITS THAT THREATEN OUR
FUTURE.**

**WE FOUGHT TO GIVE THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE FREEDOM FROM
EXCESSIVE TAXATION.**

**WE FOUGHT TO GIVE THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE FREEDOM FROM**

**INTRUSIVE EXCESSIVE FEDERAL
REGULATION.**

**WE FOUGHT TO FREE THOSE
AMERICANS WHO ARE TRAPPED IN A
FAILED WELFARE SYSTEM.**

**WE FOUGHT TO FREE AMERICA'S
SENIORS FROM THE WORRY THAT
MEDICARE IS GOING BANKRUPT.**

**WE FOUGHT TO FREE AMERICA'S
STREETS FROM THE GRIP OF
CRIMINALS AND DRUG DEALERS.**

**HAVE WE MADE SOME MISTAKES?
OF COURSE WE HAVE.**

**HAS PRESIDENT CLINTON STOOD IN
THE WAY OF MORE FREEDOM? OF
COURSE HE HAS.**

**BUT THE AMERICAN VOTERS
WILLING, COME NEXT JANUARY, WHEN
YOU CALL THE WHITE HOUSE, YOU'RE
GOING TO FIND A PRESIDENT WHO
WILL FIGHT WITH YOU TO GIVE THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE THE CHANGE THEY
WANT AND DESERVE, RATHER THAN**

**WHO WILL FIGHT FOR THE STATUS
QUO.**

**AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, I AM A
GREAT ADMIRER OF DWIGHT
EISENHOWER.**

**AND IN CLOSING, I WANT TO SHARE
WITH YOU A STORY TOLD ABOUT THE
NIGHT IN 1945, WHEN GENERAL
DWIGHT EISENHOWER WAS WALKING
ALONG THE RHINE, THINKING OF THE
CROSSING IN WHICH HE WOULD LEAD
THE ALLIED ARMIES.**

ON HIS WALK, HE MET A SOLDIER,
AND ASKED HIM WHY HE WASN'T
SLEEPING. THE YOUNG G.I., WHO
DIDN'T RECOGNIZE EISENHOWER IN
THE DARK, SAID, "I GUESS I'M JUST A
LITTLE NERVOUS."

"SO AM I," SAID EISENHOWER.
"LET'S WALK TOGETHER, AND
PERHAPS WE'LL DRAW STRENGTH
FROM ONE ANOTHER."

I AM CONFIDENT THAT AS LONG WE
WALK TOGETHER AND DRAW

**STRENGTH FROM ONE ANOTHER THEN
WE WILL BE VICTORIOUS IN
NOVEMBER, AND WE WILL ENSURE
THAT AMERICA'S BEST DAYS ARE YET
TO COME.**