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NEW YORK REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE CONVENTION

JUNE 17, 1976

WALDORF - ASTORIA HOTEL

I ALWAYS LOVE TO COME TO NEW YORK---

THIS IS A CITY OF

HAPPY MEMORIES AND GOOD FRIENDS. *for me.*

THE PRESIDENT AND I APPRECIATE
THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT
OF NEW YORK REPUBLICANS,
AND THIS ELEPHANT

WILL BE A LOVELY REMINDER OF ^{all of} YOU.

and your thoughtfulness.

I'M ESPECIALLY PLEASED
TO JOIN YOUR "SALUTE TO WOMEN"
THE SPIRITED AND TALENTED WOMEN
I'VE MET DURING MY TRAVELS
HAVE TRULY BEEN AN INSPIRATION.

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MY OWN COMMITMENT TO EQUAL RIGHTS

HAS BEEN REINFORCED BY WOMEN, *all over the country*

LIKE A YOUNG SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

I MET IN FLORIDA.

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THE ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION

OF THAT WOMAN AND HER ASSISTANTS

The *in Florida*
HAS MADE CREEL SCHOOL A CENTER
Outstandingly

OF LEARNING AND COMMUNITY PRIDE.

THERE ARE SO MANY OTHERS LIKE HER---
SOME PIONEERING IN NEW PROFESSIONS
AND OTHERS ASSUMING NEW LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES.

THE MAYOR OF SAN ANTONIO
IS ONE OF THE MANY WOMEN *Ⓢ have met*
WHOSE POLITICAL SKILLS
ARE EARNING THEM CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITIES.

THERE ARE MORE WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE NOW---

LIKE MARY LOUISE SMITH,

ANNE ARMSTRONG,

CARLA HILLS,

SHIRLEY BLACK

AND MARY BROOKS. ~~just~~ just to name a few—

THEIR SUCCESSES ARE GIVING AMERICANS

A NEW PERSPECTIVE

ON THE ABILITIES OF WOMEN.

I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL
TO SEE WOMEN SUCCEEDING
AT MANY DIFFERENT JOBS

FROM POLICEMAN ^{That of Women} TO DIPLOMAT ^{or} home makers

~~all across the board~~
Whatever they may choose —

INCREASED VISIBILITY AND ATTENTION

TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WOMEN

ARE SO IMPORTANT FOR ^{our} YOUNG PEOPLE,

WHO OFTEN PATTERN THEIR LIVES

AFTER A PERSON OF ACHIEVEMENT.

THE DRIVE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

OPENS UP NEW POSSIBILITIES

FOR ^{both} MEN AND WOMEN.

AMERICA IS AN ONGOING EXPERIMENT

IN FREEDOM.

TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY STRONG,

WE NEED THE TALENTS AND ENERGIES

OF ALL OUR PEOPLE.

TONIGHT WE HONOR

NOT ONLY THE VISIBLE WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT---

OF WHOM WE ARE VERY PROUD---

BUT THOSE UNSUNG WOMEN

WHOSE DETERMINATION TO TRY NEW PATHS

MOVES OUR COUNTRY FORWARD. And I find
I ~~am~~ ^{am very} excited for me to be a
small part of this movement-

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PROPOSED REMARKS -- New York Republican State Committee Convention,
July 17, 1976

New York Republicans are special favorites of the Ford family, and this elephant will be a lovely reminder of your support and encouragement. The President and I appreciate our many good friends in this State, and I'm especially pleased to join your Salute to Women.

During my travels for my favorite candidate, I've met women in a variety of jobs and communities. Their spirit and involvement with their families, their careers and their communities is truly what your salute is about.

The strides that women are making all across America are contributing new vitality to our country. I'm especially pleased that Republican women like Mary Louise Smith, Anne Armstrong and Shirley Black are among the pioneers. These talented women represent the many dedicated women who are working along side men to build a stronger country.

The progress of women has been speeded by both the men and women of the Republican party who work to open doors for all Americans.

I always enjoy coming to New York, and this event is a very special one for me. Thanks for inviting me. Keep up your good work for the President.

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Revised Remarks--New York Republican State Committee
Convention, July 17, 1976

I always love to come to New York---this is a city of happy memories and good friends. The President and I appreciate the support and encouragement of New York Republicans, and this elephant will be a lovely reminder of you.

I'm especially pleased to join your Salute to Women. The spirited and talented women I've met during my travels have truly been an inspiration. My own commitment to equal rights has been reinforced by women like a young school principal I met in Florida. The enthusiasm and dedication of that woman and her assistants has made Creel School a center of learning and community pride. There are so many others like her---some pioneering in new professions and others assuming new leadership responsibilities

The Mayor of San Antonio is one of the many women whose political skills are earning them challenging opportunities. There are more women in public life now---like Mary Louise Smith, Anne Armstrong, Carla Hills, Shirley Black and Mary Brooks. Their successes are giving Americans a new perspective on the abilities of women.

Increased visibility and attention to the accomplishments of women are so important for young people, who often pattern

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their lives after a person of achievement. I think it's wonderful to see women succeeding at many different jobs from policeman to diplomat.

The drive for equal rights for women opens up new possibilities for men and women. America is an ongoing experiment in freedom. To keep our country strong, we need the talents and energies of all our people.

Tonight we honor not only the visible women of achievement---of whom we are very proud---but those unsung women whose determination to try new paths moves our country forward.

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