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G.O.P. DINNER, TULSA, OKLAHOMA, APRIL 27, 1974

OKLAHOMA -- A STATE THAT HAS PRODUCED  
 A WINNING FOOTBALL TEAM <sup>year after year</sup> -- IS GOING TO PRODUCE  
 A WINNING REPUBLICAN TICKET THIS NOVEMBER.  
 YOU HAVE ENERGY NOT ONLY IN YOUR OILFIELDS,  
 BUT ALSO ON YOUR FOOTBALL FIELDS.

Senator Bellmon -  
 Senator Bartlett -  
 Cong. <sup>Happy</sup> Kamp. -

} thank  
Telephone story

Mayor La Fortune  
 Monsignor Reid  
 Andre Hansen  
 Miss Okla.



*in 1974*

AT THE TOP OF THE TICKET<sup>n</sup> IS YOUR  
DISTINGUISHED SENATOR BELLMON, WHO IS SO  
HIGHLY REGARDED IN WASHINGTON<sup>1</sup> *but more importantly in Oklahoma,* HE IS KNOWN  
FOR HIS DEDICATION TO HONESTY IN GOVERNMENT.  
HE IS RESPECTED AS ONE OF THE SENATE'S  
FOREMOST AGRICULTURE EXPERTS. HE IS SOUGHT  
AFTER FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE OF OIL AND ENERGY.  
AND HE IS ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO SERVICE TO THE  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA.





YOU WILL ALSO MAKE ME HAPPY BY  
RETURNING "HAPPY" CAMP TO THE HOUSE,

*& most able legislature.*

I AM PLEASED TO TAKE PART IN THIS  
STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN KICKOFF FOR OUR PARTY IN  
OKLAHOMA BECAUSE YOUR STATE IS HIGH ON THE  
LIST OF PLACES WHERE WE ARE GOING TO WIN IN  
NOVEMBER. <sup>*Frankly,*</sup> I AM SEEKING A WAY OF TRANSFUSING  
THE WINNING OKIE ENERGY INTO OUR PARTY FROM  
COAST TO COAST.

*mentioned  
Having a former colleague in  
The House of Representatives, let me say I miss  
my old friend & agree  
folks just long for  
a dear friend*





OKLAHOMA IS NOT GOING TO PERMIT THE DEMOCRATS TO CAMPAIGN ONLY ON THE ISSUE GENERATED ABOUT PRESIDENT NIXON. THEIR STRATEGY IS TO KEEP PICKING ON THE PRESIDENT TO TURN NOVEMBER INTO A NATION REFERENDUM ON WATERGATE. THEY WANT TO RUN AGAINST A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT WHO IS NOT EVEN ON THE BALLET IN OKLAHOMA OR ANY OTHER STATE. THEY ARE APPARENTLY AFRAID TO RUN ON THE ISSUES FACING THE COUNTRY IN DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH INDIVIDUAL REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.



LET US RESOLVE HERE TODAY THAT THE DEMOCRATS ARE NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH SETTING THE RULES AND CALLING THE SIGNALS FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

LET US RETURN TO THE A.B.C.'S OF POLITICS AND REJECT THE ENDLESS EXPLOITATION OF THE CONTROVERSY THAT HAS BEEN GENERATED ABOUT OUR <sup>great</sup> PRESIDENT<sup>1</sup>. <sup>who has achieved Peace + will preserve Peace.</sup> THE PRESIDENT IS ENTITLED TO A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL HEARING. LET US DEMAND THAT HE BE ACCORDED EVERY RIGHT TO PRESENT HIS SIDE OF THE STORY AND TO PRESERVE THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY.





~~BUT~~ IF WE PERMIT OURSELVES TO BE  
DRAGGED INTO NON-STOP DEBATES OVER AN ISSUE  
THAT SHOULD PROPERLY BE RESOLVED BY THE  
CONGRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION,  
WE WILL ALLOW THE DEMOCRATS TO WIN THE '74  
ELECTIONS BY DEFAULT. THESE ELECTIONS MUST  
BE DECIDED ON THE INDIVIDUAL MERIT OF  
CANDIDATES AND THE BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN  
THE TWO PARTIES. WE CANNOT LET THE WATERGATE  
ISSUE BE TURNED INTO A SMOKESCREEN THAT WILL  
CONCEAL THE REAL NOVEMBER ELECTION ISSUES FROM  
COAST TO COAST.





THE REPUBLICAN PARTY MUST OPENLY AND  
HONESTLY OFFER ITS PROGRAMS IN A SPIRIT OF  
FAIR<sup>#</sup>PLAY TO ALL CONCERNED. I HAVE PREVIOUSLY  
SPOKEN OUT AGAINST THE INDIVIDUALS WHO DID  
BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY  
GREAT DISSERVICE WHEN THEY ALLOWED THEMSELVES  
SUCH EXCESSES.



WE CAN WIN WITHOUT THE CREEP ORGANIZA-  
TION. ITS TACTICS DISHONORED THE REPUBLICAN  
PARTY AND THE MILLIONS OF CITIZENS WHO  
RESPONDED TO ETHICAL AND PRACTICAL CONSIDERA-  
TIONS AND PRODUCED THE HISTORIC VICTORY OF  
1972.

AS A REPUBLICAN, I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED  
WHEN POLITICAL PROPHETS SAY WE MAY LOSE AS  
MANY AS 100 SEATS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-  
TIVES AND EVEN LOSE SOME OF OUR VALUABLE  
REPUBLICAN SENATORS.





AS VICE PRESIDENT, WHOSE DUTIES ARE  
IN BOTH THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE  
BRANCHES, I AM TROUBLED NOT ONLY ABOUT A LOSS  
FOR OUR PARTY BUT A LOSS FOR OUR FORM OF  
GOVERNMENT. THIS MUST REMAIN A GOVERNMENT  
OF CHECKS AND BALANCES. THE SURVIVAL OF A  
VIABLE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IS ESSENTIAL.





DEMOCRATS ARE LOOKING FORWARD WITH  
RELISH TO WHAT THEY CALL A "VETO-PROOF"  
CONGRESS. ALREADY WE HEAR THAT SOME SUPER-  
LIBERALS WANT TO STALL ACTION ON SUCH VITAL  
LEGISLATION AS THE ~~KENNEDY-MILLS~~ HEALTH BILL  
UNTIL 1975. ~~BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT THE~~  
~~DEMOCRATIC SPONSORS ARE TOO NEAR AN ACCOMMODA-~~  
~~TION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION POSITION.~~ *what might be a fair compromise*



SUPER-LIBERALS WOULD THUS DEFER HEALTH CARE SORELY NEEDED BY MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. THEY WOULD NEGLECT THE SICK FOR POLITICAL ADVANTAGE IN HOPES OF A NEW CONGRESS LOADED WITH PROPONENTS OF FAR-OUT SOCIAL EXPERIMENTATION.

THIS YEAR, 1974, -- NOT 1976, -- IS THE YEAR OF DECISION FOR THE SURVIVAL OF THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES.



IF THE DEMOCRATS MAKE A NET GAIN OF  
100 SEATS IN THE HOUSE, WE WILL BE BACK WHERE  
WE WERE IN 1936.

IT MEANS THAT THE DEMOCRATS WOULD HAVE  
346 HOUSE MEMBERS WHILE REPUBLICANS HOLD  
ONLY 87.





IT MEANS A "VETO-PROOF" 94TH CONGRESS  
NEXT JANUARY -- A CONGRESS THAT WOULD BE  
RUNNING THE COUNTRY THROUGH A LOPSIDED POWER  
OVER THE ABILITY TO LEGISLATE AND SPEND.

IT MEANS A CONGRESS SO DEFICIENT IN  
INTERNAL BALANCE THROUGH A HUGE INFLUX OF  
FRESHMEN DEMOCRATS <sup>mostly liberals</sup> THAT A MANDATE WILL BE SEEN  
FOR A NEW WAVE OF <sup>1</sup> INFLATIONARY SPENDING.



I RECALL ALL TOO VIVIDLY WHAT HAPPENED IN 1964. THE DEMOCRATS GAINED 40 HOUSE SEATS-- GIVING THEM A TOTAL OF 295 AGAINST 140 REPUBLICANS. WE HAD TWO YEARS OF UNSOUND LEGISLATION RAMMED THROUGH CONGRESS BY A VIGOROUS PRESIDENT AND A RUBBER-STAMP HOUSE AND SENATE. THE PANDORA'S BOX OF INFLATION WAS OPENED. INTEREST RATES BEGAN TO CLIMB. THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR BEGAN TO DECLINE. AND WE HAVE BEEN TRYING EVER SINCE TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE.





WE RECOVERED SOME GROUND -- BUT NOT ENOUGH -- IN 1966. WE FOUND GOOD CANDIDATES. WE ELIMINATED PARTY DIFFERENCES. WE RAISED MONEY. WE WENT OUT AND WORKED. AND WE MADE A NET GAIN OF 47 REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE. TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS RIGHTED THE IMBALANCE, WE PREVENTED LEGISLATION THAT COULD HAVE BEEN EVEN LESS DESIRABLE THAN SOME ADOPTED.





OUR PARTY FACED ADVERSITY BEFORE. WE  
ARE STRONG BECAUSE WE HAVE SOUND PRINCIPLES  
THAT SPRING FROM AMERICAN TRADITION AND COMMON  
SENSE. WE HAVE GOOD PEOPLE. AND THE ABILITY  
TO COME BACK FIGHTING.



I DO NOT MINIMIZE THE LOSSES WE HAVE  
SUFFERED IN SPECIAL ELECTIONS OF RECENT MONTHS.  
WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT A LESSON. IT IS CLEAR  
THAT WE MUST RESOLVE TO STAY IN THE GAME AND  
PUT A WINNING TEAM IN THE FIELD. THIS CANNOT  
BE DONE BY POINTING FINGERS AND WRINGING HANDS.  
IT CAN BE DONE BY ORGANIZING, UNIFYING,  
MOBILIZING, AND WORKING TOGETHER TO DRAW A  
LINE OF RESOLVE -- A LINE THAT PROCLAIMS  
WE WILL BE PUSHED NO FURTHER.



LET US BEGIN BY RALLYING AROUND THE  
OUTSTANDING CANDIDATES OUR PARTY OFFERS HERE  
IN OKLAHOMA AND BY EXPLAINING THE TRUE  
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS.





IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO SAY THAT CONGRESS IS SITTING ON VITAL LEGISLATION OR THAT THE DEMOCRATS ARE WAITING UNTIL NEXT JANUARY WHEN THEY FEEL THEY WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO MAKE COMPROMISES. WE MUST PINPOINT, FOR INSTANCE, THE ENERGY BILLS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT. OUT OF 17 IMPORTANT ENERGY MEASURES, ONLY ONE -- THE ALASKAN PIPELINE -- WAS APPROVED.

*In all honesty, the most liberal element in the Democratic Party, & they are most influential, want to Nationalize the OIL Industry.*



2250  
15  
11000  
2200  
33000

THE DEMOCRATS ARE WAITING FOR 1975 AND  
A "VETO-PROOF" CONGRESS TO INTERVENE IN THE  
ENERGY INDUSTRY, OBVIOUSLY WITH DEEP NEW  
FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT IN CONTROLLING THE OIL  
BUSINESS OF OKALHOMA.





LET US LOOK AT SOME OTHER AREAS WHERE THE PRESIDENT HAS TRIED TO MOVE US FORWARD. WE BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY IN LOCAL CONTROL AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. WE ARE SEEKING LEGISLATION FOR BETTER SCHOOLS, BETTER COMMUNITIES, BETTER TRANSPORTATION AND BETTER HEALTH. OUR IDEA IS TO MOVE DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES AWAY FROM THE CATEGORICAL GENERALIZATIONS OF WASHINGTON BUREAUCRATS BACK TO NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED.



OUR PHILOSOPHY OF REVENUE SHARING GIVES PEOPLE MORE SAY IN THE USE OF THEIR TAX DOLLARS. WE CAN BE PROUD OF OUR DOMESTIC PROGRAM. AND WE CAN WARN THAT DEMOCRATS HAVE ALL TOO OFTEN IMPOSED SUCH UNFAIR AND IMPRACTICAL POLICIES AS FORCED BUSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND OTHER MEASURES THAT HELPED TO DETERIORATE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AND AMERICAN LIFE IN GENERAL.





WE MUST DO MORE THAN CITE THE  
DEMOCRATS' DEFICIENCIES. WE MUST ALSO SHOW  
WHAT WE ARE DOING CREATIVELY TO SOLVE THE  
ENERGY PROBLEM AND TO DEAL WITH INFLATION.  
IT IS UP TO US TO OFFER REMEDIES FOR RISING  
FOOD PRICES. AND WE MUST EXPLAIN HOW FOOD  
PRODUCTION IS BEING INCREASED BY ADMINISTRA-  
TION POLICIES.



NEW FEDERALISM MEANS POWER AT HOME --  
NOT POWER ON THE POTOMAC. THIS IS CONSISTENT  
WITH THE NATIONAL DESIRE TO RENEW OUR  
COMMUNITIES, TO REDEEM AMERICA, TO RESTORE  
THE QUALITY OF AMERICAN LIFE. IT IS A SOLID  
BASE FROM WHICH TO CAMPAIGN.





I DO NOT SUBSCRIBE TO THOSE WHO PEDDLE  
DESPAIR AND DEFEAT. I AM PROUD TO BE A  
REPUBLICAN -- AND TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS  
ADMINISTRATION. BUT THAT IS NOT TO SAY WE  
ARE PERFECT. WE MUST CORRECT WHAT IS WRONG,  
STRENGTHEN WHAT IS RIGHT, AND MOVE FORWARD  
RATHER THAN BACKWARD. THAT WILL FACILITATE  
THE MODERN DOMESTIC PROGRAM ESSENTIAL TO  
SOLVE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL PROBLEMS IN THE  
NEXT DECADE.



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AMERICAN FREE ENTERPRISE AND INDIVIDUAL  
INCENTIVE HAVE MADE THE UNITED STATES THE  
GREATEST NATION ON EARTH. LET US NEVER FORGET  
THE REPUBLICAN COMPONENT OF AMERICAN GREATNESS.





THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS EXTRICATED US FROM THE WAR IN VIETNAM. WE ACHIEVED PEACE AND LIBERATED OUR BRAVE MEN WHO SUFFERED SO LONG AS PRISONERS OF WAR. WE ARE MOVING FORWARD TOWARD NEW AND PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.



BY A MASTERPIECE OF DIPLOMACY, WE  
SEPARATED THE ARMIES OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL,  
AVERTING A CATASTROPHE THAT COULD HAVE  
INFLAMED THE WHOLE WORLD. WE ARE NOW USING  
OUR GOOD OFFICES TO BRING ABOUT A DISENGAGE-  
MENT OF SYRIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES.





JUST AS WE HAVE PROGRESSED IN OUR  
DEALINGS WITH OTHER NATIONS, WE WILL MAINTAIN  
ECONOMIC GROWTH WHILE WINDING DOWN INFLATION.  
WE WILL SURMOUNT THE SHORT-TERM IMPACT OF  
THE ENERGY CRISIS AND ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY  
FOR OUR LONG-TERM NEEDS.



WE WILL REDUCE FEDERAL CONTROL AND OPEN A NEW ERA OF ACHIEVEMENT IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. THE BODY POLITIC OF AMERICA IS HEALTHY. IT CONTAINS THE STRENGTH TO HEAL ITSELF AND TO FIND RENEWED VIGOR AND ENERGY. AT THE VERY MOMENT THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO THE GRAVE PROBLEM INVOLVING THE PRESIDENT, WE ARE MOVING AHEAD BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD TO ASSURE A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL AMERICANS.





WE ARE ENTERING, IN THIS LAST QUARTER OF THE 20TH CENTURY, AN ERA OF PEACE AND PROGRESS. TO HAVE PEACE, WE MUST BE CAPABLE OF DEFENSE TO DETER AGGRESSION. THIS IS WHY WE MUST NOT ELECT MEN TO CONGRESS WHO WOULD INVITE WAR BY UNDERMINING OUR CAPACITY FOR SELF-DEFENSE. WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE THE BEST CANDIDATES AND THE BEST POLICIES.



I AM NOT DOWNHEARTED OVER THE FATE  
OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY -- OR THE FATE OF  
AMERICA. ADVERSITY HAS SHARPENED OUR RESOLVE.  
THE TIME HAS COME TO ADVANCE, NOT RETREAT.  
THE TIME HAS COME TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE. THE  
TIME HAS COME TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO BELIEVE  
IN US -- BECAUSE WE HAVE FOUND NEW FAITH IN  
OURSELVES.





LET THE REPUBLICAN VICTORY MARCH OF  
1974 BEGIN IN OKLAHOMA AND LET THE OKLAHOMA  
WINDS SWEEP US TO VICTORY ACROSS THE NATION.

I THANK YOU.



REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD  
TULSA, OKLAHOMA G.O.P. DINNER  
April 27, 1974



*Saturday*  
*FOR Release in Sunday AM's*

Oklahoma -- - ~~a~~ State that has produced a winning football team

--- is going to produce a winning Republican ticket this November . You have energy not only in your oilfields but also on your football fields .

*At* At the top of the ticket is your distinguished Senator Bellmon who is so highly regarded in Washington . He is known for his dedication to honesty in Government . He is respected as one of the Senate 's foremost agriculture experts . He is sought after for his knowledge of oil and

energy . And he is entirely devoted to service to the State of Oklahoma .

*At* You will also make me happy by returning 'Happy 'Camp to the House .

I am pleased to take part in this Statewide campaign kickoff for our Party in Oklahoma because your State is high on the list of places where we are going to win in November . I am seeking a way of transfusing the winning *OK* energy into our Party from coast to coast .

Oklahoma is not going to permit the Democrats to campaign only on the issue generated about President Nixon . Their strategy is to keep *Picking* ~~hopping~~ on the President's ~~alleged misdeeds~~ <sup>TO</sup> and turn November into a national referendum on the President. *Watergate* They want to run against a *Republican* President who is *not even* ~~on the ballot in Oklahoma or any other state~~ beset with controversy. ~~and that caused to a fair hearing~~ . They are apparently afraid to run on the issues facing the country in direct confrontation with individual Republican candidates .

*2* The President's name is not ~~on the ballot in Oklahoma~~ -- or any other State.





Let us resolve here today that the Democrats are <sup>not</sup> going to get away with setting the rules and calling the signals for the November election.

REJECT

Let us ~~insist~~ return to the A.B.C.'s of politics and ~~insist~~ the endless exploitation of the controversy that has been generated about our President. The President is ~~not~~ entitled to a fair and impartial hearing. *Let us demand* ~~we~~ *he* will insist that he is accorded every right to present his side of the story and to preserve the office of the Presidency.

But if we permit ourselves ~~to~~ to be dragged into ~~debates~~ <sup>non-stop</sup> debates over an issue that should <sup>properly</sup> be ~~appropriately~~ resolved by the Congress in accordance with the Constitution, we <sup>well</sup> ~~may~~ allow the Democrats to win *the '74* elections by default. These elections must be decided on the individual merit of candidates and the basic differences between the two parties. We cannot let the <sup>Watergate</sup> Presidential issue be turned into a smokescreen that will *conceal* ~~obscure~~ the <sup>real</sup> *issues* November election from coast to coast.

The Republican Party must openly and honestly offer its programs in a spirit of fairplay to all concerned. I have previously spoken out against **THE INDIVIDUALS** who did both the President and the Republican Party ~~such~~ great **SUCH EXCESSES.** disservice when they allowed themselves ~~to be~~ <sup>against the laws</sup> of our ~~land~~. We can win without ~~the use of~~ the CREEP organization. *OT5* ~~These~~ tactics dishonored the Republican Party and ~~for~~ the millions of citizens who responded to ethical and ~~practical~~ practical considerations and produced the historic victory of 1972.



As a Republican, I am deeply concerned when political prophets say we may lose as many as 100 seats in the House of Representatives and even lose some of our valuable Republican Senators .

As an ~~American~~ Vice President, whose duties are in both the executive and legislative branches, I am troubled not only about a loss for our Party but a loss <sup>FOR</sup> our form of government. This must remain a government of checks and balances . The survival of a viable two-party system is essential .

Democrats are looking forward with relish to what they call a "veto-proof " Congress . Already we hear that ~~some~~ <sup>super-liberals</sup> want to stall action on such vital legislation as the Kennedy-Mills health bill until 1975 because they feel that the Democratic sponsors are too near an accommodation with the ~~Administration~~ <sup>Administration</sup> position . ~~Administration~~

~~Super-liberals~~ <sup>Super-liberals</sup> would thus defer ~~the~~ health care sorely needed by millions of Americans . They ~~would~~ <sup>neglect</sup> ~~sell out~~ the sick for political advantage in hopes of a new Congress loaded with PROPONENTS OF ~~far-out~~ far-out social experimentation .

This year , 1974 , --- not 1976 --- is the year of decision for the survival of the two-party system in the United States .





I will join this year with all outstanding Republican personalities such as your dynamic Governor, Ronald Reagan, Gov. Connally, Gov. Rockefeller, and Sen. Percy to address groups throughout our Nation promoting the election of our candidates. We will rally Republicans and all those willing to listen. This year, 1974 -- not 1976 -- is the year of decision for the survival of the two-party system in the United States.

If the Democrats make a net gain of 100 seats in the House, we will be back where we were in 1936. It means that the Democrats would have 346 House members while Republicans hold only 37. It means a "veto-proof" 94th Congress next January -- a Congress that would be running the country through a lopsided power over the ability to legislate and spend. It means a Congress so deficient in internal balance through a huge influx of freshmen Democrats that a mandate will be seen for a new wave of inflationary spending, ~~and without social experimentation.~~

I recall all too vividly what happened in 1964. The Democrats gained 40 House seats -- giving them a total of 295 against 140 Republicans. We had two years of unsound legislation rammed through Congress by a vigorous President and a rubber-stamp House and Senate. The Pandora's box of inflation was opened. Interest rates began to climb. The value of the dollar began to decline. And we have been trying ever since to repair the damage.



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We recovered some ground -- but not enough -- in 1956. We found good candidates. We eliminated party differences. We raised money. We went out and worked. And we made a net gain of 47 Republicans in the House. To the extent that this righted the imbalance, we prevented legislation that could have been even less desirable than some adopted.

Our Party faced adversity before. We are strong because we have sound principles that spring from American tradition and common sense. We have good people. And the ability to come back fighting.

I do not minimize the losses we have suffered in special elections of recent months. We have been taught a lesson. It is clear that we must resolve to stay in the game and put a winning team in the field. This cannot be done by pointing fingers and wringing hands. It can be done by organizing, unifying, mobilizing, and working together to draw a line of resolve -- a line that proclaims we will be pushed no further.

Let us begin by rallying around the outstanding candidates our party offers here in <sup>OKLAHOMA</sup> ~~California~~ and by explaining the true difference between Republicans and Democrats.

It is not enough to say that Congress is sitting on vital legislation or that the Democrats are waiting until next January when they feel they will no longer have to make compromises. We must pinpoint, for instance, the energy bills essential if we are to become self-sufficient. Out of 17 important energy measures, only one -- the Alaskan pipeline -- was approved.

~~Congress is waiting~~ The Democrats are waiting for 1975 and a "veto-proof" obviously <sup>NEW</sup> Congress to intervene in the energy industry, with deep Federal involvement in controlling the oil business of Oklahoma.



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~~Similar to the vote on the Alaskan pipeline bill, which provides more gasoline for California, there were negative votes by eight House members of the California Democratic delegation.~~

Let us look at some other areas where the President has tried to move us forward. We believe very strongly in local control and individual rights. We are seeking legislation for better schools, better communities, better transportation, better health. Our idea is to move decision-making processes away from the categorical generalizations of Washington bureaucrats back to neighborhoods and communities directly concerned.

Our philosophy of revenue sharing gives people more say in the use of their tax dollars. We can be proud of our domestic program. And we can warn that Democrats have all too often imposed such unfair and impractical policies as forced busing of school children and other measures that helped to deteriorate the quality of education and American life in general.

We must do more than cite the Democrats' deficiencies. We must also show what we are doing creatively to solve the energy problem and to deal with inflation. It is up to us to offer remedies for rising food prices. <sup>WE MUST</sup> And ~~it is up to us~~ to explain how food production is being increased by Administration policies.



New Federalism means power at home -- not power on the Potomac. This is consistent with the national desire to renew our communities, to redeem America, to restore the quality of American life. It is a solid base from which to campaign.

I do not subscribe to those who peddle despair and defeat. I am proud to be a Republican -- and to be involved in this Administration. But that is not to say we are perfect. We must correct what is wrong, strengthen what is right, and move forward rather than backward. That will facilitate the modern domestic program essential to solve Federal, State, and local problems in the next decade.

American free enterprise and individual incentive have made the United States the greatest Nation on earth. Let us never forget the Republican component of American greatness.

This Administration has extricated us from the war in Vietnam. We achieved peace and liberated our brave men who suffered so long as prisoners of war. We are moving forward toward new and peaceful relationships with the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China.

By a masterpiece of diplomacy, we separated the armies of Egypt and Israel, averting a catastrophe that could have inflamed the whole world. We are now using our good offices to bring about a disengagement of Syrian and Israeli forces.



Just as we have progressed in our dealings with other nations, we will maintain economic growth while winding down inflation. We will surmount the short-term impact of the energy crisis and achieve self-sufficiency for our long-term needs.

We will reduce Federal control and open a new era of achievement in State and local governments. The body politic of America is healthy. It contains the strength to heal itself and to find renewed vigor and energy. At the very moment that we are addressing ourselves to the grave problem involving the President, we are moving ahead both at home and abroad to assure a better life for all Americans.

We are entering, in this last quarter of the 20th century, an era of peace and progress. To have peace, we must be capable of defense to deter aggression. This is why we must not elect men to Congress who would invite war by undermining our capacity for self-defense. ~~and that~~ we need to remember that we have the best candidates and the best policies.

I am not downhearted over the fate of the Republican Party -- or the fate of America. Adversity has sharpened our resolve. The time has come to advance, not retreat. The time has come to be more aggressive, ~~in selling our wares~~. The time has come to encourage others to believe in us -- because we have found new faith in ourselves.

~~Let the Republican~~  
Let the Republican victory march of 1974 begin in Oklahoma and let the Oklahoma winds sweep us to victory across the Nation.

I thank you.



## THE DINNER COMMITTEE

### *Chairman*

John E. Rooney

### *Co-Chairmen*

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John Blessing  
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State Committee  
Mrs. Robert Salmon .....Vice Chairman, Oklahoma Republican  
State Committee  
Skip Healey .....Republican National Committeeman  
from Oklahoma  
Mrs. Don Boulton .....Republican National Committeewoman  
from Oklahoma  
Paul E. Thornbrugh .....Chairman, Tulsa County Republican  
Committee  
Mrs. W. L. Oller .....Vice Chairman, Tulsa County Republican  
Committee

*Greeting Committee*

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Walter E. Biery  
Mrs. Charles Bronaugh  
Mrs. James Smith

*Ushering by Oklahoma Young Republican Federation,  
Oklahoma Teenage Republicans, and U. S. Senators' Joint Staff*



**DINNER**

Honoring

**GERALD R. FORD**

Vice President of the United States

April 27, 1974





## THE PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies .....Mr. F. Allen Calvert, Jr.

Parade of the Colors .....Tulsa Navy and Marine  
Corps Reserve

Invocation .....Reverend Monsignor William H. Reid,  
Chaplain, St. Francis Hospital

National Anthem .....Andrea Jean Hanson,  
Miss Oklahoma

Tulsa Junior College Ultra Sonics .....Mr. Jerrold Lawless,  
Director

Introduction of  
Senator Bartlett .....The Honorable Robert J. LaFortune,  
Mayor of Tulsa

Introduction of  
Senator Bellmon .....The Honorable Dewey F. Bartlett,  
United States Senator

Introduction of  
Vice President Ford .....The Honorable Henry Bellmon,  
United States Senator

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TULSA, OKLAHOMA G.O.P. DINNER  
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