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PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT
OF CONGRESSWOMAN LEONOR SULLIVAN
SEPTEMBER 24, 1974

MY FRIENDSHIP WITH CONGRESSWOMAN SULLIVAN

GOES BACK A LONG WAY. I CAME TO THE CONGRESS IN 1948.

*Friend with
John Sullivan*

SHE BECAME A MEMBER FOUR YEARS LATER IN 1952. AND EVER SINCE

THEN, FOR 22 YEARS, WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER IN THE HOUSE.

Dick Bolton
Miss Speaker
Leonor

*I've been up on Capital Hill
so much I've been accused of
trying to build up my
Attendance Record*

WE'VE DISCUSSED LEGISLATION IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ON THE FLOOR. WE'VE SHARED THOUGHTS AND IDEAS AT CHANCE MEETINGS IN THE LONGWORTH BUILDING AND IN THE MEMBER'S DINING ROOM. AND SO, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, I COME TO THIS CEREMONY WITH A VERY SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR CONGRESSWOMAN SULLIVAN: "LEONOR, WE CAN'T GO ON MEETING LIKE THIS. BETTY IS GETTING SUSPICIOUS."

BUT IN THIS VERY BUSY DAY, I PARTICULARLY LOOKED FORWARD TO ATTENDING THIS SPECIAL AND WELL-DESERVED HONORING OF LEONOR.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, I'VE NEVER PRETENDED TO MUCH OF A KNOWLEDGE OF ART. IN FACT, WE HAVE A LARGE SCULPTURE BY ALEXANDER CALDER BACK IN GRAND RAPIDS AND EVERY TIME I TRY TO DESCRIBE IT, POOR MR. CALDER DOESN'T KNOW WHETHER TO SMILE OR SUE.

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ART EXPERT TO APPRECIATE
THIS INSPIRED PORTRAIT OF CONGRESSWOMAN SULLIVAN. I'VE
HEARD THAT A GOOD PAINTING IS A MIRROR HELD TO THE SOUL OF THE
SUBJECT --- AND CHARLES FOX HAS CERTAINLY CAPTURED THE RICHNESS
OF LEONOR SULLIVAN'S CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MR. FOX HAS PREVIOUSLY PAINTED
PORTRAITS OF PRESIDENTS EISENHOWER, KENNEDY AND NIXON AS
WELL AS MANY OTHER PROMINENT PUBLIC FIGURES --- AND I KNOW
THAT HIS PORTRAIT OF CONGRESSWOMAN SULLIVAN WILL BE A CREDIT
TO HIS CAREER, AS MUCH AS THE CAREER OF LEONOR SULLIVAN HAS
BEEN A CREDIT TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

LEONOR SULLIVAN'S RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT CERTAINLY

SPEAKS FOR ITSELF --- BUT I'M SURE SHE WON'T MIND IF I RECAP JUST A

FEW OF THEM. LEONOR IS NOW SERVING HER ELEVENTH TERM IN THE HOUSE.

SHE HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION ON MANY IMPORTANT COMMITTEES.

AT THE PRESENT TIME SHE IS THIRD RANKING MEMBER OF THE HOUSE
BANKING AND CURRENCY COMMITTEE, RANKING MEMBER OF THE
HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER AFFAIRS --- AND MOST PERTINENT TO OUR GATHERING
TODAY: SHE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE MERCHANT MARINE
AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE.

IN THIS IMPORTANT ROLE, SHE HAS CONSISTENTLY
ADVOCATED AND PURSUED THE GOAL OF MAINTAINING AND ENLARGING A
STRONG MERCHANT MARINE FOR OUR COUNTRY. IN RECOGNITION OF
HER ACHIEVEMENTS IN THIS AREA, LAST YEAR THE AMERICAN MARITIME
INDUSTRY PRESENTED HER WITH THEIR "ADMIRAL OF THE OCEAN SEA
AWARD." AN AWARD THAT IS GIVEN EACH YEAR TO THE PERSON WHO
HAS DONE THE MOST TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF AMERICAN FLAG SHIPPING.

FRANKLY, IF I JUST LISTED LEONOR'S MANY HONORS, AWARDS
AND TRIUMPHS, BY THE TIME I WAS FINISHED, WE'D ALL BE LATE FOR
WORK TOMORROW MORNING. SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO CLOSE WITH A
FEW WORDS --- NOT ABOUT LEONOR SULLIVAN AS ONE OF THE LEADING
MEMBERS OF OUR CONGRESS --- BUT ABOUT LEONOR SULLIVAN AS A FRIEND.

WHILE WE SERVED ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE AISLE, I HAVE ALWAYS FOUND HER TO BE UNSTINTING OF HER TIME, HER TALENT, AND HER ENTHUSIASM WHENEVER HER HELP WAS ASKED FOR. I UNDERSTAND THAT LEONOR WILL RETIRE AT THE END OF THIS YEAR AND WHILE THIS MAY REPRESENT THE ONLY WAY A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE CAN HAVE A CHANCE IN HER DISTRICT --- I WILL SORELY MISS HER COUNSEL AND FRIENDSHIP.

LEONOR, THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME TO BE HERE TODAY
AND I JOIN WITH ALL YOUR OTHER ADMIRERS -- THE FEW HUNDRED
CROWDED INTO THIS ROOM --- AND THE MANY THOUSANDS BEYOND,
IN APPRECIATING ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR CONGRESS AND
OUR COUNTRY.

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