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## GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1974

SENATOR THANK YOU, STROM THURMOND.

THE MOTTO OF THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IS "PREPARED IN SPIRIT AND RESOURCES." AND STROM THURMOND

IS CERTAINLY THAT. IN FACT, THERE ARE TWO DAYS IN PARTICULAR

WHICH PROVE THAT STROM THURMOND HAS REALLY BEEN "PREPARED IN

SPIRIT AND RESOURCES." ONE IS ELECTION DAY -- AND THE OTHER

IS FATHER'S DAY!

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE IN GREENVILLE --

THE TEXTILE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.

FRANKLY, I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SURPRISED TO SEE AN

EMPTY ROOM HERE TODAY. I THOUGHT EVERYONE WOULD ALREADY BE

AT THE CLEMSON HOMECOMING.

### I APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING THE SACRIFICE. AND I ALSO

### APPRECIATE THE PRESENCE HERE TODAY OF A DISTINGUISHED

SOUTH CAROLINIAN WHO IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF MY

CABINET -- COMMERCE SECRETARY FRED DENT.

TO ME, THE FACT THAT AMERICA'S SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

HAILS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA IS A TRIBUTE TO THIS GREAT STATE AND TO

ITS IMPORTANCE TO THE REGION AND THE NATION.

NEXT MONDAY, WHEN THE SOUTHERN TEXTILE EXPOSITION

OPENS HERE, WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER REMINDER OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

I AM WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEXTILE AND APPAREL INDUSTRIES TO THE ECONOMY OF THIS STATE -- AS WELL AS THE NATION. I AM ALSO AWARE OF THE VERY COMPETITIVE CONDITIONS FACING THIS INDUSTRY. WILL, IF ENACTED IN ITS ENTIRETY, HELP TO RESTORE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PRICE STABILITY TO THE COUNTRY. THIS WILL AID ALL ELEMENTS OF OUR ECONOMY.

THE ECONOMIC PROGRAM WHICH I SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS

I AM ALSO CONSCIOUS OF THE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AS THEY AFFECT TEXTILES. I ASSURE YOU I INTEND TO MAKE SURE THE U.S. POSITION IS MADE CLEAR IN INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE TRADE MATTERS. IN THIS CONNECTION I MUST SAY THAT NO STATE EVER HAD A STRONGER GUARDIAN OF ITS INTERESTS -- INCLUDING THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY THAT PROVIDES SO MANY JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES HERE -- THAN MY OLD FRIEND, STROM THURMOND. STROM HAS PIONEERED THE BUILDING OF A STRONG TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IN THE SOUTH; HE HAS HELPED SOUTH CAROLINA TAKE HER WELL-DESERVED PLACE IN THE SUN. STROM, I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT HERE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A GENERATION GAP -- YOUNG, OLD, AND IN BETWEEN, EVERYONE IS UNITED IN WORKING FOR A BETTER STATE, A BETTER AMERICA, AND A BETTER TWO-PARTY SYSTEM.

AND THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY IS **D**OING -- GIVING THE VOTERS THE BEST CANDIDATES AVAILABLE, MEN AND WOMEN OF HONOR, INTEGRITY, COURAGE AND VISION. I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE DONE THIS IN THE CASE OF JIM EDWARDS. HE WILL MAKE AN OUTSTANDING GOVERNOR. HAV ING SERVED AS A STATE SENATOR, JIM UNDERSTANDS STATE GOVERNMENT. HE KNOWS HOW IT WORKS. HE KNOWS HOW TO GET THINGS DONE.

BUT JIM AND HIS RUNNING MATE, <u>CARROLL CAMPBELL</u>, WILL BRING SOMETHING EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO YOUR STATE GOVERNMENT --STRONG CHARACTER AND A BREATH OF FRESH AIR. IT ISN'T GOOD FOR ANY GROUP OR PARTY TO HOLD ALL THE POWER FOR TOO LONG. PROBLEMS PILE UP. INTEREST AND ENERGY GO STALE. LACK OF COMPETITION LEADS TO CARELESSNESS, SOMETIMES EVEN NEGLECT. SOMETIMES EVEN CORRUPTION. A POLITICAL MONOPOLY -- ONE PARTY IN ABSOLUTE POWER

TOO LONG -- IS NEVER A GOOD THING, STATE-WIDE OR NATION-WIDE.

JIM EDWARDS CAN CLEAR AWAY THE COBWEBS AND BRING NEW LIFE,

NEW DEDICATION TO STATE GOVERNMENT HERE IN SOUTH CAROLINA. HE

HAS MY FULL SUPPORT AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE HIM YOURS AS WELL --

YOUR TIME, YOUR EFFORTS AND YOUR VOTES.

I AM GLAD THAT OUR PARTY HAS A WOMAN CANDIDATE IN THIS

ELECTION, FOR WE CAN'T WIN ANYWHERE WITHOUT WOMAN POWER.

GWEN BUSH IS MAKING A GREAT RACE FOR THE U. S. SENATE AND I URGE YOU

I AM ALSO PROUD OF THE CALIBER OF THE CANDIDATES OUR PARTY IS FIELDING IN OTHER IMPORTANT RACES ACROSS THE STATE. IN THE SECOND DIŠTRICT, FLOYD SPENCE IS A PROVEN LEADER AND A DEDICATED CONGRESSMAN -- A MAN I HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH WHILE I WAS REPUBLICAN LEADER IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES -- A MAN I WILL BE COUNTING ON NEXT YEAR TO HELP ME FIGHT THE LONG, HARD BATTLE AGAINST BIG GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND THE DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION IT BREEDS. THE SAME IS TRUE OF ED YOUNG IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT. IN A CONGRESS THAT HAS TOO OFTEN OVERSPENT AND FANNED THE FLAMES OF INFLATION, ED YOUNG HAS BEEN A TOUGH, LOYAL INFLATION FIGHTER. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH HIM WHEN I WAS IN THE HOUSE AND HOPE I CONTINUE TO HAVE THE SAME HONOR NOW THAT I AM IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. YOU HAVE AN OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE IN MARSHALL PARKER -- A MAN WHO HAS WORKED HARD FOR BOTH HIS STATE AND HIS COUNTRY. MARSHALL IS A CATTLE FARMER WHO UNDERSTANDS FARMER'S PROBLEMS AND ASPIRATIONS. HE WILL REPRESENT THEM IN THE CONGRESS. HE IS ALSO AN EXPERIENCED BUS INESSMAN WITH A FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY THAT IS SO IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE IN SOUTH CAROLINA. HE WILL GUARD YOUR INTERESTS IN THE CONGRESS, AND HE WILL HELP ME TO DO MY JOB IN FIGHTING FOR A STRONG, SECURE AMERICA -- FOR A BALANCED BUDGET AND A HEALTHY NATIONAL ECONOMY.

IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, YOU HAVE ANOTHER TOP FLIGHT CANDIDATE IN LEN PHILLIPS. ALTHOUGH LEN HAS YOUTH ON HIS SIDE, HE IS ALSO A MAN OF GREAT EXPERIENCE AND SOLID PRINCIPLES. HIS EXPERIENCE IN BROADCASTING GOES BACK NEARLY TWENTY YEARS. HE KNOWS HIS DISTRICT AND HIS STATE FROM YEARS OF CIVIC AND VOLUNTEER WORK, AND FROM HIS ACTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, BOB WATKINS IS ANOTHER FINE

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FIGHTING FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICAL

AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT. ' WE NEED EVERY NEW RECRUIT WE CAN

ENLIST IN OUR BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION, DOMESTIC PUBLIC

ENEMY NUMBER ONE.

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MARSHALL AND BOB AND LEN WILL BE INFLATION FIGHTERS

IN WASHINGTON -- NOT BIG SPENDERS. THEY WILL BE GOOD FOR SOUTH CAROLINA AND GOOD FOR AMERICA.

A FEW MOMENTS AGO, I MENTIONED THE IMPORTANCE OF A

TWO-PARTY SYSTEM. THIS IS A THEME THAT I HAVE BEEN STRESSING

EVERYWHERE AS I TRAVEL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IT BEARS REPEATING --

PARTICULARLY HERE IN THE SOUTH WHERE WE NOW HAVE A VIABLE TWO-PARTY

SYSTEM. LET'S MAKE SURE WE KEEP I - I

THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WHY I BELIEVE THIS SO STRONGLY.

FIRST, I BELIEVE THAT OUR DEMOCRACY IS ONLY SAFE AS

LONG AS WE HAVE A HEALTHY TWO-PARTY SYSTEM, AND;

SECONDLY, I BELIEVE THAT THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IS IN

GRAVE DANGER TODAY -- PERHAPS THE GREATEST DANGER IT HAS FACED

IN OUR LIFETIMES.

# NO PRESIDENT IN THIS CENTURY WAS MORE BI-PARTISAN $D_{\ell}$ THAN DWIGHT, EISENHOWER. HE WAS A MILITARY HERO, BELOVED BY ALL.

HE CAME INTO OFFICE WITH THE MASSIVE SUPPORT OF VOTERS FROM BOTH

PARTIES.

## ALTHOUGH HE NEVER REALLY CONSIDERED HIMSELF A

POLITICIAN, NO ONE KNEW BETTER THAN GENERAL EISENHOWER HOW VITAL

A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IS TO THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY.

A FEW YEARS BEFORE HIS DEATH, AT HIS FARM IN

GETTYSBURG, GENERAL EISENHOWER SHARED HIS THOUGHTS WITH ME ON . THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT. WHAT HE SAID THEN IS EVEN MORE TIMELY TODAY.

IF I CAN PARAPHRASE, THIS IS ROUGHLY WHAT HE SAID:

WE ARE TENDING TOO MUCH IN THE DIRECTION OF A ONE-PARTY

SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE AWFULLY CLOSE TO A

POLITICAL MONOPOLY POWER IN THIS COUNTRY.

STAKE. HE SAID THAT IF WE HAVE AN APPROXIMATE EQUALITY BETWEEN OUR POLITICAL PARTIES, IT WILL KEEP ONE PARTY OR THE OTHER FROM BECOMING EXTREMIST IN ITS POSITION. BUT IF WE LACK THIS BALANCE IN OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM, IF ONE PARTY STAYS IN POWER TOO LONG, IT WILL BECOME INCREAS INGLY DIFFICULT TO STOP ITS EXCESSES.

GENERAL EISENHOWER WENT ON TO EXPLAIN WHAT WAS AT

THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING ON CAPITOL HILL IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE A PARTY THAT HAS CONTROLLED THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE FOR THIRTY-EIGHT OUT OF THE LAST FORTY-TWO YEARS AND FOR THE PAST TWENTY STRAIGHT YEARS. IT IS A CONGRESS STACKED AGA INST FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. PROOF OF THIS IS THE FACT THAT FOR NINETEEN OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE HOUSE, WE WOUND UP WITH BUDGET DEFICITS. INCREASED IN THE 94TH CONGRESS, THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM OF

GOVERNMENT ESTREP BY OUR FOUNDING FALLERS WILL BE IN

WE WILL HAVE WHAT AMOUNTS TO A LEGISLATIVE DICTATORSHIP - A CONGRESS WITH NO CHECKS AND NO BALANCE.

SOME OF OUR DEMOCRATIC FRIENDS ARE TALKING ABOUT ELECTING A "VETO-PROOF CONGRESS", WHAT WE WANT IS AN "INFLATION-PROOF CONGRESS," ON NOVEMBER FIFTH , THIS-THATE, YOU CAN HELP TO SAVE THE TWO-PARTY

THIS TIME, YOU CAN LEAD THE WAY BY ELECTING CANDIDATES SYSTEM. GWEN BUSH LIKE JIM EDWARDS, CARROLL CAMPBELL, FLOYD SPENCE, MARSHALL BOB WATKINS SOUTH CAROLINIANS PARKER, LEN PHILLIPS AND ED YOUNG - MEN OF HONOR, MENOF

AND OF INTEGRITY, MEN WHO ARE PLEDGED TO FIGHT INFLATION, SERVE THEIR

STATE, AND PRESERVE AMERICA'S MEETER AND AMERICA'S SECURITY.

IT IS UP TO YOU AND ME -- AND TO EVERY OTHER MAN AND WOMAN BLESSED WITH THE GOOD FORTUNE TO LIVE IN THIS GREAT, FREE COUNTRY WHERE ALL OF US HAVE'A SAY IN OUR GOVERNMENT AND A VOICE IN OUR ELECTIONS -- TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PRESERVE THE BALANCE, THE SYSTEM THAT HAS MADE AMERICA GREAT AND KEPT AMERICA FREE.

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IT IS NOT JUST IN OUR INTEREST, IT IS OUR SACRED DUTY. "DUTY," ROBERT E. LEE ONCE SAID, "IS THE SUBLIMEST WORD IN OUR LANGUAGE. DO'YOUR DUTY IN ALL THINGS. YOU CANNOT DO MORE. YOU SHOULD NEVER WISH TO DO LESS."

THAT IS WHAT I ASK OF EACH OF YOU BETWEEN NOW AND

NOVEMBER 5TH.

DO YOUR BEST -- YOUR BEST FOR YOUR PARTY, YOUR

STATE AND YOUR NATION.

TOGETHER WE CAN TRANSFORM THESE DIFFICULT DAYS INTO

GREAT DAYS IN AMERICA'S HISTORY.

TOGETHER WE DO OUR DUTY AND MEET OUR OBLIGATION TO THE

CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WHO WILL INHERIT THE KIND OF AMERICA

WE LEAVE THEM.

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