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WICHITA, KANSAS GOP RALLY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1974

THANK YOU, BOB DOLE, FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION.

I AM HONORED, I AM PRIVILEGED, I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE STATE THAT HAS BEEN THE HOME OF ONE OF THE FINEST PRESIDENTS THIS NATION HAS EVER KNOWN -- THAT GREAT STATESMAN FROM ABILENE -- DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER!

I KE SET A STANDARD OF INTEGRITY AND ACHIEVEMENT THAT IS AN EVERLASTING TRIBUTE TO THE MAN AND TO HIS STATE. I PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I WILL DO MY BEST TO FOLLOW IN THE PATH OF HIS VERY LONG FOOTSTEPS!

*Robert R. Bennett
Dodge City
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Wichita*

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Bob Bennett

I HAVE ANOTHER REASON WHY I ENJOY COMING TO KANSAS.

THE CAMPAIGNS HERE ALWAYS SEEM TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE FUN THAN IN

OTHER STATES. TAKE THE RAGE FOR GOVERNOR. SOMEBODY JUST TOLD

ME THE LATEST REPUBLICAN SLOGAN. IT GOES: "LET'S PUT BOB BENNETT

IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT -- AND KEEP VERN MILLER IN THE TRUNK!"

YOU HAVE A GREAT CANDIDATE IN BOB BENNETT.

HE HAS HONESTY, RELIABILITY, INTEGRITY -- THE ONLY THING THAT

BOB BENNETT HAS EVER COVERED UP IS HIS CHIN!

Different perspective

IT IS A REAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE IN WICHITA THIS

EVENING TO PAY TRIBUTE TO A GREAT STATE, KANSAS, AND A GREAT SLATE,

THE KANSAS REPUBLICAN TICKET.

BUT I AM NOT JUST HERE BECAUSE OF PARTY LABELS.

THERE IS SOMETHING MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT. IT IS MY
PERSONAL AFFECTION AND RESPECT FOR A GROUP OF MEN I KNOW TO BE
GOOD FRIENDS AND GREAT AMERICANS.

TAKE BOB DOLE, FOR EXAMPLE. I GOT TO KNOW BOB
VERY WELL WHEN WE WORKED TOGETHER FOR 8 YEARS IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES. I SAW THE SAME QUALITIES IN HIM THEN THAT
HAVE SINCE MADE HIM SUCH AN OUTSTANDING SENATOR.

BOB IS SMART, HE IS HARD-WORKING AND HE IS INDEPENDENT.

WHEN HE DISAGREES WITH YOU, HE REALLY LETS YOU

KNOW -- AND BELIEVE ME, I'M SPEAKING FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

WHEN I SAY THAT.

BOB KNOWS HIS STATE AND HE KNOWS AGRICULTURE.

HE KNOWS HOW TO GUARD THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE HE REPRESENTS.

AND IN THE 94th CONGRESS HE WILL BE THE RANKING REPUBLICAN

ON THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. THAT IS NOT JUST GOOD

NEWS FOR KANSAS FARMERS. IT IS GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE ELSE

IN THE STATE WHERE AGRICULTURE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN

THE ECONOMY AND THE BIGGEST SINGLE INDUSTRY.

BUT THERE IS ANOTHER REASON WHY BOB DOLE IS SO
IMPORTANT -- NOT JUST TO KANSAS, BUT TO THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

AND THAT IS WHAT BOB HAS DONE AS THE ONLY FIRST-TERM
REPUBLICAN ON THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND AS AN IMPORTANT
MEMBER OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

BOB IS A FIGHTER, A TOUGH, HONEST, UPRIGHT MAN WHO
HAS SERVED HIS COUNTRY WITH HONOR IN BOTH WAR AND PEACE.

AND HE IS IN A TOUGH FIGHT RIGHT NOW -- PERHAPS THE
TOUGHEST OF HIS LIFE. BUT I KNOW HE CAN DO IT, IF ALL OF US DO
OUR SHARE TOO. AND I KNOW HE DESERVES OUR SUPPORT.

LET'S MAKE SURE HE GETS IT, SO THAT KANSAS AND AMERICA
GET THE BEST MAN AVAILABLE FOR THE JOB -- SENATOR BOB DOLE.

I REMEMBER A VERY IMPORTANT EVENT LAST NOVEMBER AT
THE HEIGHT OF THE ENERGY CRISIS, WHEN BOB WORKED TOGETHER
WITH ANOTHER GREAT KANSAS LAWMAKER, MY OLD FRIEND
REPRESENTATIVE GARNER SHRIVER, DEAN OF THE KANSAS HOUSE
DELEGATION. THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO SEVERELY REDUCE
FUEL FOR GENERAL AVIATION -- A DECISION THAT COULD HAVE COST
THOUSANDS OF JOBS HERE IN WICHITA AND THROUGHOUT KANSAS.

BUT BOB DOLE AND GARNER SHRIVER WERE ON THE JOB.

THEY WORKED LITERALLY DAY AND NIGHT TO HELP REVERSE THAT DECISION.

THEY WENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND TO THE CABINET AND THEY STATED THE

CASE FOR KANSAS -- AND FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF GENERAL AVIATION.

AND THEY SUCCEEDED. THEIR ACTIONS WERE RESPONSIBLE

FOR GETTING THOSE FUEL ALLOCATIONS INCREASED AND SAVING THE JOBS

OF A LOT OF KANSANS.

LET'S JUST MAKE SURE WE KEEP BOB AND GARNER ON THE
JOB SO THEY'LL BE THERE TO HELP THE NEXT TIME THEY'RE NEEDED.

I HAVE THREE OTHER GOOD FRIENDS ON THE KANSAS
DELEGATION -- JOE SKUBITZ, LARRY WINN AND KEITH SEBELIUS --
WHO DESERVE TO BE RETURNED TO CONGRESS.

I HAVE KNOWN JOE SKUBITZ SINCE HE CAME TO THE CONGRESS

IN 1963. I KNEW HIM AS A HARD WORKER, AS A FIGHTER FOR HIS

DISTRICT. JOE HAS BUILT UP VALUABLE SENIORITY FOR KANSAS AND

FOR HIS CONSTITUENTS.

LARRY WINN AND I HAVE WORKED TOGETHER EVER SINCE
THE 90TH CONGRESS, MORE THAN 7 YEARS AGO. HE IS THE KIND
OF GUY YOU CAN COUNT ON. THE KIND OF GUY YOU CAN TRUST TO
GIVE HIS HONEST OPINION, WHETHER HE AGREES WITH YOU OR NOT.
HE HAS DONE A GREAT JOB FOR KANSAS AND FOR THE COUNTRY.

KEITH SEBELIUS IS LIKE THAT, TOO. TIME AND AGAIN,

HE HAS VOTED TO HOLD THE LINE ON WASTEFUL SPENDING. HE HAS

FOUGHT THE BIG SPENDERS AND HE HAS FOUGHT INFLATION. I AM

COUNTING ON HIM TO BE BACK AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

WE NEED -- YOU NEED IN KANSAS -- THIS GREAT

REPUBLICAN TEAM BACK IN CONGRESS. WE NEED THEM BECAUSE

THERE ARE BIG PROBLEMS FACING US -- PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN

BUILDING LIKE STORM CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON FOR A VERY LONG TIME --

AND WE MUST HAVE RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE

CONGRESS.

THERE ARE BIG CHALLENGES -- CHALLENGES TO OUR
ECONOMY, OUR INSTITUTIONS AND, MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL,
CHALLENGES TO OUR FAITH IN OURSELVES.

BIG PROBLEMS MEAN TOUGH DECISIONS. AND WHENEVER

YOU HAVE TO MAKE A TOUGH DECISION, SOMEONE IS GOING TO DISAGREE,

SOMEONE IS GOING TO BE UNHAPPY.

BUT THE BEST I CAN DO, OR ANYONE CAN DO WHO IS CALLED

ON TO LEAD IN A DIFFICULT TIME, IS OUR HONEST BEST. AND THE BEST

ANYONE CAN ASK FOR IS THE HELP AND ADVICE OF HONEST, ABLE MEN LIKE

BOB DOLE, GARNER SHRIVER, JOE SKUBITZ, LARRY WINN AND

KEITH SEBELIUS.

WITH THEIR HELP WE CAN MAKE IT. WE CAN LEAVE BEHIND

A BETTER AMERICA THAN THE ONE WE FOUND. I REALLY BELIEVE THIS

BECAUSE, WHEN IT COMES TO OUR COUNTRY, I AM AN UNASHAMED

OPTIMIST.

ONE REASON I AM AN OPTIMIST IS BECAUSE I HAVE
GREAT FAITH IN YOUNG AMERICANS. AND IF YOU HAVE BEEN
FOLLOWING THE RACE IN YOUR 2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT,
WHERE JOHN PETERSON IS DOING SUCH A FINE JOB, YOU WILL KNOW
WHY. ALTHOUGH JOHN IS ONLY 26 YEARS OLD, HE HAS ALREADY
BUILT UP A RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENT THAT WOULD DO CREDIT TO SOMEONE TWICE HIS AGE.

THE ELKS CLUB KNEW WHAT IT WAS DOING WHEN IT PRESENTED JOHN WITH
THE "OUTSTANDING YOUNG LEADER OF KANSAS" AWARD, AND I THINK HE
IS ALSO GOING TO PROVE HIMSELF AN OUTSTANDING YOUNG LEADER
ON THE NATIONAL SCENE.

STATE-WIDE OR NATION-WIDE, IT TAKES THE SAME
QUALITIES AT BOTH LEVELS, WHICH IS WHY I AM ALSO OPTIMISTIC
ABOUT BOB BENNETT. BOB'S IMPRESSIVE JOB AS PRESIDENT OF THE
STATE SENATE HAS GIVEN HIM THE KNOWHOW AND THE EXPERIENCE TO BE A
GREAT GOVERNOR OF KANSAS. THIS IS ALSO TRUE OF TOM VAN SICKLE,
WHOSE DISTINGUISHED RECORD AS A YOUNG REPUBLICAN LEADER AND
REPUBLICAN STATE TREASURER WILL HELP HIM TO SERVE KANSAS AS
STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

ONE OF THE GREAT MEN OF THIS AND ANY CENTURY WAS

WINSTON CHURCHILL. HE LED BRITAIN THROUGH A PERIOD OF FAR

GREATER DANGER THAN ANYTHING WE FACE TODAY. BUT HE, TOO,

WAS AN OPTIMIST. WHEN MANY HAD GIVEN UP -- WHEN MANY

THOUGHT THAT THE WORLD WAS ABOUT TO ENTER A NEW DARK AGE OF

TYRANNY AND DEFEAT -- CHURCHILL STILL HAD THE VISION TO SEE

THROUGH THE SHADOWS.

"DO NOT LET US SPEAK OF DARKER DAYS;" HE SAID,

"LET US SPEAK OF STERNER DAYS. THERE ARE NOT DARK DAYS;

THESE ARE GREAT DAYS

THESE, TOO, ARE GREAT DAYS THAT WE ARE LIVING IN.

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK A LITTLE HARDER AND SACRIFICE A

LITTLE MORE. BUT IF WE DO OUR BEST AND KEEP FAITH IN OURSELVES

AND OUR VALUES, AMERICA, AND ALL THE GREAT THINGS AMERICA

STANDS FOR, WILL EMERGE STRONGER AND BETTER THAN EVER.

I AM HERE TONIGHT SUPPORTING THIS TICKET NOT JUST
BECAUSE IT IS REPUBLICAN, BUT BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT IS THE BEST
TEAM, A TEAM OF HONORABLE, ABLE MEN -- MEN OF CONSCIENCE
AND SINCERITY.

I URGE EACH OF YOU -- AND EVERYONE ELSE IN THIS GREAT
STATE OF KANSAS -- TO RALLY BEHIND IT, FOR YOUR SAKE AND THE

NATION'S SAKE.

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TOGETHER -- WITH YOUR HELP, YOUR PRAYERS AND
YOUR SUPPORT -- I BELIEVE WE CAN BRING OUT THE BEST IN OURSELVES
AND OUR COUNTRY.

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