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AUDIO TAPE

FOR

REP. JOHN ANDERSON

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ALL THEIR FRIENDS WHO ARE GATHERED AT THE WAGON WHEEL.

JOHN AND I GO BACK A LONG WAY TOGETHER.

WE WORKED SIDE BY SIDE IN THE CONGRESS FOR MANY YEARS.

FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCE AS A CONGRESSMAN, AS MINORITY

LEADER OF THE HOUSE, AS THE VICE PRESIDENT AND NOW AS PRESIDENT,

I CAN SAY WITHOUT QUESTION THAT JOHN IS ONE OF THE HARDEST

WORKING, ABLEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS.

A VERY GOOD GUY.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE --A JOB I ONCE HELD, I'M PROUD TO SAY -- HE HELPS MOLD
REPUBLICAN POLICY IN THE HOUSE AND PROVIDES RESPONSIBLE
LEADERSHIP ON OUR SIDE OF THE AISLE.

A LEADER OF PUBLIC OPINION, A MASTER OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, AND AN EXPERT ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES, JOHN IS

AN INVALUABLE ASSET TO OUR PARTY AND TO THE NATION.

I AM DELIGHTED TO JOIN IN THIS TRIBUTE TO HIM.

SINCE I KNOW YOU HAVE A FULL PROGRAM TONIGHT,

LET ME NOW INTRODUCE YOUR MASTER OF CEREMONIES, AND I MIGHT

ADD, ANOTHER OLD FRIEND OF MINE: THE IMPRESSARIO OF

CHICAGO TELEVISION, IRV KUPCINET (CUP-SIN-ET).

END OF TEXT

TAPING STATEMENT FOR REP. JOHN ANDERSON, THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1975

Good evening. I want to welcome all of you to this very special evening in honor of my good friend, John Anderson. While I regret that Betty and I cannot be with you, we want to use this means to convey our best wishes to John and Keke -- and our appreciation to all their friends who are gathered at the Wagon Wheel.

John and I go back a long way together. We worked side by side in the Congress for many years. From my own experience as a Congressman, as Minority Leader of the House, as the Vice President and now as President, I can say without question that John is one of the hardest working, brightest and most effective members of the In white a very grad year.

Congress. I wish we had more like him.

As Chairman of the House Republican Conference -- a position

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I once held, incidentally -- he helps mold Republican policy in the

House and provides responsible leadership on our side of the

aisle.

A leader of public opinion, a master of the legislative process,

and an expert on parliamentary procedures, John is an invaluable

asset to our party and to the Nation. I am delighted to join in this tribute to him.

Since I know you have a full program tonight, let me now introduce your Master of Ceremonies, and I might add, another old friend of mine: the impressario of Chicago television, Irv Kupcinet (Cup-sin-et).