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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### NORTH CAROLINA GOP GENERAL RECEPTION

THANK YOU, JIM (Cong. James Broyhill introduces you)

GOVERNOR HOLSHAUSER

SENATOR HELMS

CONGRESSMAN MARTIN

TOM BENNETT (GOP State Chairman)

BOB SHAW (He will be selected new State Chairman tomorrow)

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

DEDICATED AND ENTHUSIASTIC REPUBLICANS STANDING HERE TODAY.

YES, TODAY WE ARE STANDING -- BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU

THAT AFTER NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS, A LOT MORE REPUBLICANS

ARE GOING TO BE SITTING -- IN RALEIGH AND IN WASHINGTON -
IN SEATS THAT ARE NOW HELD BY DEMOCRATS!

AND IT'S LONG OVERDUE -- PARTICULARLY HERE

IN THE GREAT STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. FRANKLY,

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW

NORTH CAROLINA CAN HAVE THREE OF THE GREATEST BASKETBALL

TEAMS IN THE COUNTRY -- U.N.C., STATE AND DUKE --

TEAMS THAT MOVE LIKE GREASED LIGHTNING -- AND ALSO HAVE

A DEMOCRATIC-CONTROLLED LEGISLATURE THAT CAN'T EVEN GET OUT

OF ITS OWN WAY!

AND IF ANY OF THE DEMOCRATS IN THE CONGRESS

ARE LISTENING -- THAT PROBLEM ISN'T LIMITED TO RALEIGH.

I'M HERE TODAY TO SAY THAT OUR REPUBLICAN PARTY

HAS A PHILOSOPHY AND A FORCE WHOSE TIME HAS COME.

WE ARE THE REASONABLE, RELIABLE AND READY HOME FOR ALL

CONCERNED AMERICANS -- THE HOME OF RESPONSIBLE REPUBLICANS;

THE HOME OF INVOLVED INDEPENDENTS; AND YES, EVEN THE HOME

OF JUST PLAIN DISGUSTED DEMOCRATS!

I'M HAPPY TO BE WITH YOU TODAY AS YOU PREPARE

FOR YOUR STATE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. THE REPUBLICAN

PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA HELPED LEAD THE PARADE TOWARD

TWO-PARTY POLITICS IN THE SOUTH, AND THE PEOPLE

OF THIS GREAT STATE HAVE SEEN AT FIRST HAND THAT REPUBLICAN

GOVERNMENT IS GOOD GOVERNMENT.

YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF YOUR REPUBLICAN

OFFICEHOLDERS: YOUR OUTSTANDING GOVERNOR, JIM HOLSHOUSER, WHO IS PROVIDING ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP TO THIS GREAT STATE; YOUR HARDWORKING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, JESSE HELMS AND JIM BROYHILL AND JIM MARTIN, YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS.

ALL ARE DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANTS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
YOU FOR LENDING ME THE TALENTS OF FORMER CONGRESSMEN

EARL RUTH AND VINEGAR BEND MIZELL, WHO ARE SERVING WITH
GREAT DISTINCTION IN MY ADMINISTRATION.

NO LIST OF NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICANS WOULD BE

COMPLETE, OF COURSE, WITHOUT THE NAME OF CHARLIE JONAS.

CHARLIE AND I SERVED TOGETHER IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR 20 YEARS. WE SERVED ON THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AND WON QUITE A FEW "WATCHDOG OF THE TREASURY" AWARDS

FOR OUR EFFORTS.

## THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN NORTH CAROLINA HAS GROWN

AND PROSPERED IN A VERY DRAMATIC AND DYNAMIC WAY.

ALTHOUGH YOU'RE STILL IN A MINORITY IN VOTER REGISTRATION --

AS WE AS A PARTY ARE NATIONALLY -- YOU HAVE WON VICTORY

AFTER VICTORY WITH GOOD CANDIDATES, GOOD ISSUES AND GOOD,

STRONG, ACTIVE PARTY ORGANIZATION. AND THOSE ARE

THE KEYS TO SUCCESS IN POLITICS.

BECAUSE WE ARE IN A MINORITY, IN THIS STATE AND

AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, WE CANNOT AFFORD DISSENSION

WITHIN OUR OWN PARTY. WHEN WE SACRIFICE OUR PARTY UNITY,

WE ALL TOO OFTEN SACRIFICE VICTORY AS WELL.

FROM NOW ON, LET'S CONCENTRATE ON WINNING ELECTIONS

INSTEAD OF ARGUMENTS.

IN 1976, I'M CONVINCED THAT A STRONG, UNITED

REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL WIN MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF VICTORIES

IN NORTH CAROLINA AND THROUGHOUT AMERICA. WE WILL GO TO

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WITH A RECORD OF STRENGTH AT HOME AND

STRENGTH ABROAD.

OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER IN

PEACETIME. THE AMERICAN DOLLAR IS ONCE AGAIN ONE OF THE

STRONGEST CURRENCIES ON THE INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKET.

OUR TRADE SURPLUS IS ONCE MORE THE ENVY OF THE WORLD --

AND I WANT TO THANK THE FARMERS OF NORTH CAROLINA,

THE WORKING PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND THE BUSINESSMEN

OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR HELPING US MAKE THAT POSSIBLE.

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, OUR ECONOMIC PROGRESS

HAS BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING. FROM TIME TO TIME,

THERE HAVE BEEN TEMPORARY INTERRUPTIONS. BUT ON BALANCE,

WE ARE MOVING AHEAD TOWARD A STRONG ECONOMIC RECOVERY

AND LONG-LASTING ECONOMIC STABILITY.

THE SIGNS OF THIS PROGRESS ARE CLEAR FOR ALL TO SEE.

OUR GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1975

INCREASED BY MORE THAN 11 PERCENT -- THE BIGGEST QUARTERLY

INCREASE IN 20 YEARS. THAT'S PROGRESS.

OF 20 PERCENT NATIONALLY BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER AND PRODUCTIVITY AMONG AMERICAN WORKERS HAS BEEN STEADILY IMPROVING FOR MONTHS. AND THAT'S PROGRESS.

THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WITH JOBS WENT UP BY

NEARLY ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND BETWEEN MARCH AND

OCTOBER ALONE -- AND THAT'S PROGRESS.

FOR THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS, WE HAVE AVERAGED

A BILLION-DOLLAR-A-MONTH BALANCE OF TRADE SURPLUS IN THE

UNITED STATES -- AND THAT'S REALLY PROGRESS.

INFLATION HAS BEEN CUT ALMOST IN HALF BETWEEN

1974 AND 1975 -- DOWN FROM THE 12 PERCENT RANGE TO THE SIX

PERCENT RANGE. THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH -- BUT IT'S

STILL PROGRESS.

THESE ARE ALL SIGNS OF PROGRESS -- OF GROWING

ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND STABILITY AND VITALITY.

MUST DEMAND THAT THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS HOLD THE LINE ON

GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND LOOK PAST THE NEXT ELECTION TO THE

NEXT GENERATION AND TO LONG-TERM ECONOMIC GROWTH AND

STRENGTH.

THE PAINFUL LESSONS OF THE PAST PROVE BEYOND DOUBT

THAT WE CANNOT SPEND OUR WAY INTO PROSPERITY, BUT WE CAN

CERTAINLY SPEND OUR WAY INTO THE POORHOUSE. ANY FAMILY

IN NORTH CAROLINA KNOWS THAT; I KNOW IT; I HOPE WE CAN

CONVINCE THE CONGRESS OF IT BEFORE THEY BRING THE WHOLE COUNTRY

TO THE BRINK OF ECONOMIC DEFAULT.

# WE SIMPLY CAN'T GO ON SPENDING MONEY LIKE

WE'VE BEEN SPENDING IT IN RECENT YEARS. WE COULDN'T

AFFORD IT THEN; WE CAN'T AFFORD IT NOW.

ALARMING RATE OF GROWTH IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET, AND GIVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE A MUCH-DESERVED TAX CUT AT THE SAME TIME.

I PROPOSED A CUT OF 28 BILLION DOLLARS IN TAXES TO BE MATCHED BY A 28 BILLION DOLLAR CUT IN THE GROWTH OF FEDERAL SPENDING.

AS YOU MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED, THE DEMOCRATS IN THE CONGRESS LIKE THE IDEA OF THE TAX CUT, BUT THEY'RE SINGING THEIR "CAN'T DO" CHORUS ON THE SPENDING CUT.

THEY'VE DECIDED THAT WITH AN ELECTION YEAR COMING

UP, IT WOULDN'T BE WISE TO UPSET THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

WHICH HAVE LOBBIED SO HARD TO KEEP ON SPENDING FEDERAL

MONEY TODAY LIKE THERE WAS NO TOMORROW.

WELL, LET ME REMIND MY FRIENDS IN THE CONGRESS

THAT THERE IS A TOMORROW, A DAY OF RECKONING WHEN THE

BILL COMES DUE. WE CAN'T AFFORD A TAX CUT WITHOUT A

SPENDING CUT -- IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT. IF WE DO, YOU

CAN LOOK FORWARD TO MORE DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION EATING AWAY

AT YOUR PAYCHECK, YOUR GROCERY BILL, YOUR SAVINGS, YOUR

PENSION AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT INVOLVES YOUR MONEY.

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I THINK THE DEMOCRATS IN THE CONGRESS ARE

MISJUDGING AND UNDER-ESTIMATING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

IF THEY WON'T DO ANYTHING RESPONSIBLE ABOUT YOUR TAXATION,

MAYBE IT IS TIME YOU DID SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR REPRESENTATION.

THE "CAN'T DO" CONGRESSIONAL CHORUS HAS CALLED THE TUNE

LONG ENOUGH .

IT IS TIME WE HAD A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS AGAIN --

TO WORK WITH A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT IN MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM AND PRESERVING THE PROGRESS WE HAVE ALREADY MADE.

I KNOW THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA IS READY TO HELP US IN THAT EFFORT -- AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

HERE THIS AFTERNOON. I'D LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON WHAT YOUR

OPINIONS OF THE PUBLIC, I'D LIKE TO CONDUCT MY OWN POLL

PRESIDENT SHOULD BE DOING:

AS A STARTER, DO YOU WANT YOUR PRESIDENT TO

ACCEPT BUDGET BUSTING APPROPRIATION BILLS WITHOUT A FIGHT?

DO YOU?

DO YOU WANT YOUR PRESIDENT TO ROLL OVER AND PLAY

DEAD WHILE THE CONGRESS PASSES MORE AND MORE LEGISLATION TO

STRANGLE FREE ENTERPRISE IN THIS COUNTRY?

DO YOU WANT YOUR PRESIDENT TO GO ALONG WITH THOSE
WHO WOULD SACRIFICE LOCAL CONTROL OVER LOCAL AFFAIRS ON THE
ALTAR OF A BIG BROTHER GOVERNMENT?

DO YOU WANT YOUR PRESIDENT TO LET A FOREIGN OIL

CARTEL KEEP A HAMMER LOCK ON AMERICA'S ENERGY FUTURE?

### DO YOU WANT YOUR PRESIDENT TO LET THE CONGRESS

## CUT THE MUSCLE FROM AMERICA'S DEFENSE BUDGET?

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "NO," THEN YOU WANT A

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT, AND YOU NEED A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS

TO WORK WITH HIM.

# STRENGTH AT HOME AND STRENGTH ABROAD --

A RECORD OF PROGRESS AND PEACE -- THESE ARE WHAT THE

PEOPLE WANT AND WHAT WE REPUBLICANS ARE PREPARED TO OFFER.

WE WANT AN AMERICA THAT IS STRONG AND JUST

AND FREE -- AN AMERICA THAT STANDS FOR HOPE AND PROMISE

AND PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

NEXT YEAR IS A YEAR OF DECISION. THE PEOPLE OF

NORTH CAROLINA AND THEIR NEIGHBORS THROUGHOUT AMERICA MUST

DECIDE WHAT DIRECTION THIS COUNTRY WILL TAKE AS WE ENTER OUR

THIRD CENTURY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

LET US MAKE SURE THE DECISION IS FOR AN AMERICA

AT PEACE, FOR A NATION RENEWED FOR A PEOPLE WITH PRIDE,

FOR A FUTURE THAT SUMMONS US TO NEW CHALLENGES AND NEW

GLORY.

LET US MAKE 1976 A GREAT YEAR FOR AMERICA BY

MAKING IT A GREAT YEAR FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

AND LET US CELEBRATE THAT GREAT VICTORY TOGETHER NEXT

NOVEMBER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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## PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

**NOVEMBER 14, 1975** 

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE HONOR YOU HAVE GRANTED ME

TODAY AND LET ME THANK YOU ALL MOST SINCERELY FOR MAKING ME

A PART OF THE DISTINGUISHED FAMILY OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL

UNIVERSITY. THANKS TO YOUR WARMTH, YOUR SPIRIT AND

YOUR ENTHUSIASM -- THIS IS ONE EAGLE WHO IS REALLY

FLYING HIGH!

BUT I JUST WONDER IF, IN YOUR GENEROSITY,

YOU REALIZE WHAT A BUSY DAY YOU HAVE MADE FOR ME ON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND. NORMALLY, I WOULD SPEND

IT ROOTING FOR THE MICHIGAN WOLVERINES TO BEAT OHIO STATE.

BUT THIS YEAR, AS AN N.C.C.U. ALUMNUS, YOU CAN BET THAT

I'LL ALSO BE ROOTING FOR THE EAGLES TO BEAT A & T.

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE AND A DISTINCT HONOR FOR ME

TO BE WITH YOU AS YOU OBSERVE THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

OF THE FOUNDING OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY AS A

STATE-SUPPORTED LIBERAL ARTS INSTITUTION. YOUR UNIVERSITY

THUS BECAME THE FIRST STATE-SUPPORTED LIBERAL ARTS SCHOOL FOR

BLACKS IN THE NATION.

SINCE THEN, GRADUATES OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL

HAVE MADE A MARK IN ALMOST EVERY WALK OF AMERICAN LIFE.

I AM SURE THAT THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NOW STUDENTS WILL

ULTIMATELY DO THE SAME. THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE -
WHETHER IN THE CLASS-ROOM, ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD OR

IN POLITICS -- IS NO STRANGER TO YOUR ALUMNI AND STUDENTS.

NAMES LIKE MAYNARD JACKSON, MAYOR OF ATLANTA . . .

RONALD BARBEE, FIRST BLACK REPUBLICAN SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
IN THE STATE . . . AARON SPAULDING, A MEMBER OF MY STAFF
AT THE WHITE HOUSE . . . HIGH HURDLER LEE CALHOUN,
TWO-TIME OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL WINNER, WHO IS PRESENTLY
HEAD TRACK COACH AT YALE UNIVERSITY . . .

CHARLES FOSTER, WORLD PREMIER HURDLER. . . RONNIE RAY,

WHO WON TWO GOLD MEDALS AT THE 1975 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

IN MEXICO CITY AND WHO CURRENTLY HOLDS THE 400-METER

WORLD RECORD. . . AND CERTAINLY NOT LAST IN ANY COMPETITION,

YOUR VERY POPULAR TRACK COACH, DR. LEROY T. WALKER,

WHO WILL COACH OUR 1976 OLYMPIC TRACK AND FIELD TEAM.

AT THIS TIME, OUR NATION IS ALSO CELEBRATING AN

ANNIVERSARY -- THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL. AS WE REFLECT
ON THESE 200 YEARS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE ALMOST ANY
AMERICAN ENDEAVOR WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING THE GREAT
CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACKS TO OUR SOCIETY.

MUSIC, ART, CULTURE, SCIENCE, MEDICINE, SPORTS -- N.C.C.U. ALUMNI ARE ALL THERE.

DESPITE THE BURDENS... DESPITE THE ADDED

DIFFICULTIES... BLACKS HAVE ENTERED ALL TYPES OF AMERICAN

COMPETITION AND COME OUT NATIONAL CHAMPIONS -- INDEED,

NATIONAL HEROES.

THERE IS A LESSON FOR ALL OF US IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN BLACKS AND THAT LESSON IS THIS: TO DEVELOP TO OUR MAXIMUM THE WILL, THE DESIRE TO COMPETE, TO EXCEL.

THAT IS WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT: TO ACHIEVE, TO REACH A WORTHY GOAL. AND BLACKS -- IN INCREASING NUMBER -- HAVE ATTAINED MANY WORTHY GOALS IN AMERICAN SOCIETY.

THE WHOLE THRUST OF HUMANITY IS ONE OF PROGRESS.

UNPARALLELED MASTERY OVER THE MATERIAL WORLD. AT THE SAME
TIME, THE NATIONS AND SOCIETIES OF THE WORLD ARE BECOMING
MORE AND MORE INTER-DEPENDENT. LET ME OFFER ANOTHER WORD
FOR INTER-DEPENDENCE -- NEIGHBORLINESS.

WE ARE LIVING AT A TIME WHEN MANY OF THE CURRENTS

OF HISTORY ARE COMING TOGETHER. THE WORLD IS RECOGNIZING

SLOWLY BUT SURELY THE NECESSITY TO HARMONIZE OUR

CIVILIZATION.

I AM AN OPTIMIST. I BELIEVE WE MAY YET ATTAIN

MAN'S GREATEST GOALS AND NOBLEST ASPIRATIONS.

YOU MAY LIVE TO SEE THE DAY WHEN WE ARE NOT MERELY MASTERS.

OF THE MATERIAL WORLD BUT ALL LIVING TOGETHER IN HARMONY

WITH IT.

COMPETITION IS THE ENERGY OF PROGRESS. IT IS A

GREATER DISTANCES. AND IT BRINGS US TOGETHER ON THE

SAME FIELD -- WHETHER IT BE IN THE STADIUM OR THE CLASSROOMS

OF N.C.C.U. OR IN BUSINESS OR LIFE.

I BELIEVE THAT COMPETITION BREEDS HARMONY, NOT DIVISION.

IT IS THE LACK OF COMPETITION WHICH BREEDS DIVISION BECAUSE

PEOPLE THEN FEEL THEY DO NOT HAVE A CHANCE -- THAT SOCIETY

OR THE WORLD IS DENYING THEM OPPORTUNITY.

INEQUALITY, INJUSTICE, LACK OF COMPETITION

ARE GRADUALLY BEING REMOVED FROM THE AMERICAN SCENE.

I SUPPORT THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT JUST AS I SUPPORTED

A NEW AND BROADER EXTENSION OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT.

MUCH MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE.

- I HOPE AND WORK FOR THE DAY WHEN COMPETITION --
- OPPORTUNITY -- FOR ALL AMERICANS WILL BE EQUAL AND FAIR --

WITHOUT RACE OR RELIGION OR SEX EVER A FACTOR.

I HOPE AND WORK FOR THE DAY WHEN THE HUMAN MIND

AND SPIRIT ARE NO LONGER SHACKLED BY IGNORANCE AND PREJUDICE, WHEN ALL THE CHILDREN OF GOD ARE BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY HERE AT N.C.C.U. TO

BREAK MORE SHACKLES AND JOIN IN AMERICA'S COMPETITIVE LIFE

THROUGH A GOOD EDUCATION. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY.

IT MAY NEVER PASS YOUR WAY AGAIN.

I KNOW THAT YOUR OWN DR. HELEN EDMONDS,

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND A FORMER ALTERNATE

DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AND OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS

ARE HELPING YOU TO PREPARE FOR LIFE'S COMPETITION.

DR. EDMONDS MET WITH ME SHORTLY AFTER I ASSUMED THE
PRESIDENCY AND ELOQUENTLY TOLD ME SOME OF THE CONCERNS AND
ASPIRATIONS OF BLACKS AND OF WOMEN.

## AS PRESIDENT OF ALL THE PEOPLE, THESE CONCERNS

ARE MY CONCERNS. THESE ASPIRATIONS ARE MY ASPIRATIONS.

I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE THEM.

BUT MY REAL MESSAGE TODAY AIMS AT THE EVEN GREATER AND NOBLER GOAL FOR WHICH WE STRIVE: THE COMMUNION OF AMERICANS,

OUR COMING TOGETHER TO FACE A COMMON DESTINY AS ONE PEOPLE

AND ONE NATION.

THIS GOAL IS TRULY WORTHY OF ALL AMERICANS.
THANK YOU.

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