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THE PRESTORIT HAS SEEN

MARTIN BREAKFAST

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THANK YOU, CONGRESSMAN JIM MARTIN

GOVERNOR HOLSHOUSER DR. MARTIN LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

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NOTE:

Sunday is Jim Martin's mother's birthday.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE BACK IN CHARLOTTE

AND IN THE GREAT STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TODAY.

THIS IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE BEEN TO CHARLOTTE

and the second second

IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE, IN MAY OF 1975, JIM MARTIN

ASSEMBLED 105,000 OF HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS TO MEET ME FOR

MECKLENBURG COUNTY'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

YOU GAVE ME A VERY WARM WELCOME THEN, AND

I APPRECIATE THE ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION YOU'VE GIVEN ME



I AM ESPECIALLY GLAD TO JOIN YOU IN THIS

WELL-DESERVED TRIBUTE TO MY FRIEND AND YOUR OUTSTANDING

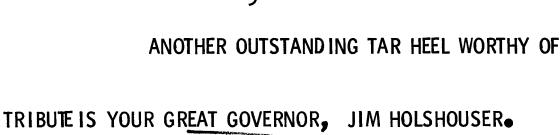
CONGRESSMAN, JIM MARTIN.

WHILE I'M HERE, THERE ARE A FEW OTHER

PEOPLE I WOULD LIKE TO SALUTE.

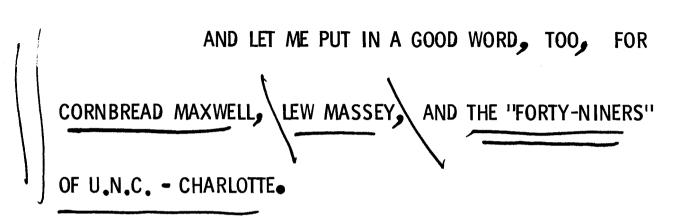
FIRST OF ALL, LET ME WISH JIM MARTIN'S MOTHER A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOMORROW "MOM" AND "POP" MARTIN ARE WELL KNOWN IN WASHINGTON, THANKS TO THEIR SON. JIM IS EVERY BIT AS PROUD OF YOU AS I KNOW YOU ARE OF HIM, AND IT'S EASY TO SEE WHY.

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THE SAME GOES FOR MY OLD FRIEND AND YOUR

WIFE, ANNIE ELLIOTT.



THE NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH

CAROLINA HAS MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF WINNERS.

I CAN PERSONALLY VOUCH FOR THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE QUITE

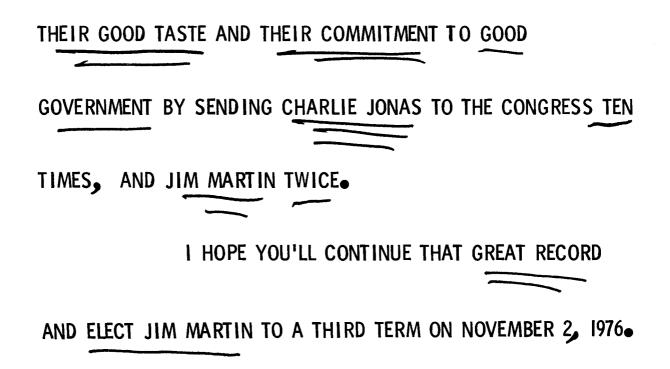
A REPUTATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN

WASHINGTON•

YOU DON'T SETTLE FOR GOOD CONGRESSMEN TO

REPRESENT YOU -- YOU INSIST ON GREAT CONGRESSMEN.



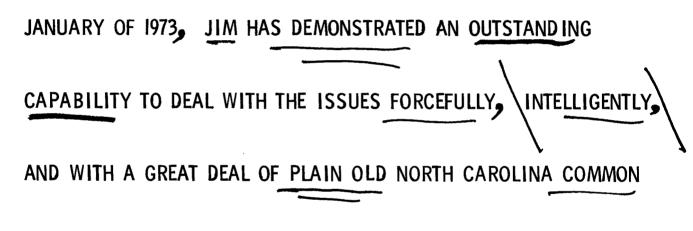


YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF

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JIM MARTIN, AND I KNOW YOU ARE.

SINCE HE FIRST WENT TO THE CONGRESS IN



SENSE.

AS THE FIRST NORTH CAROLINIAN TO SIT ON THE

HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE SINCE 1950, JIM HAS PROVEN

BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT HE IS A DEDICATED AND POWERFUL

ADVOCATE OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT.

I WISH WE HAD MORE JIM MARTINS ON THAT

COMMITTEE AND IN THE CONGRESS AS A WHOLE.

IMPORTANT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT, JIM HAS JUST BEEN NAMED

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CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN TASK FORCE ON HEALTH, WHICH WILL

INVESTIGATE THE PROBLEMS OF HEALTH CARE IN AMERICA, AND

HELP DETERMINE WHAT PROPER ROLE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SHOULD PLAY IN THIS FIELD.



HELP MEET THE STAGGERING COSTS OF CATASTROPHIC OR

PROLONGED ILLNESS.

HE TAKES A LITTLE DIFFERENT APPROACH THAN THE

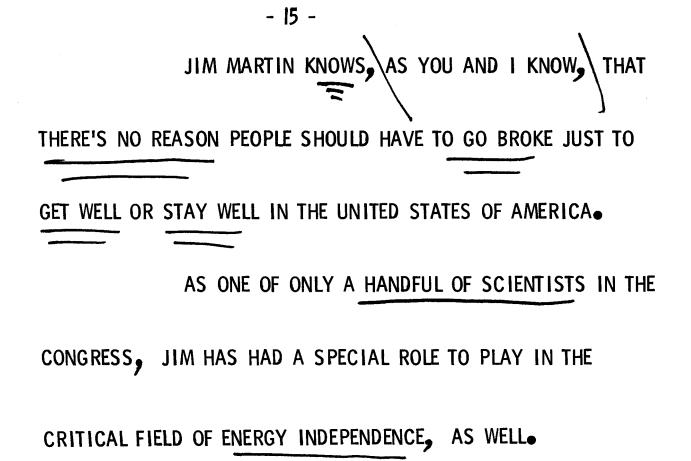
ONE I PROPOSED IN MY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, BUT WE

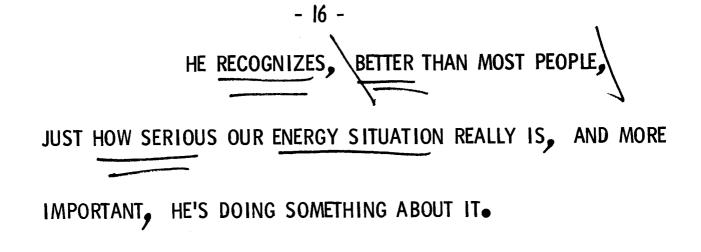
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HAVE THE SAME GOAL, AND I APPRECIATE HIS INTEREST AND

INVOLVEMENT IN THIS AREA OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO YOU AND

TO MILLIONS OF AMERICANS.





HIS AMENDMENTS TO ENERGY LEGISLATION HAVE

HELPED RESCUE THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA

AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FROM THE PROSPECT OF VERY

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ADVERSE DEVELOPMENTS.

NORTH CAROLINA.

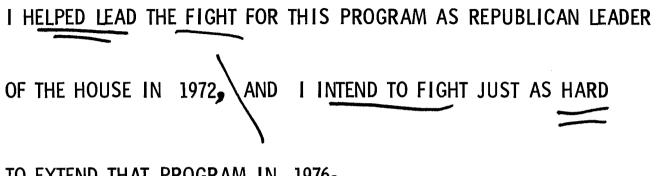
REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM WHICH HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO

JIM IS ALSO A STRONG CHAMPION OF THE GENERAL

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES.

TO ACHIEVE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE THROUGH PROGRAMS OF

HE HAS ALSO BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE EFFORT



TO EXTEND THAT PROGRAM IN 1976.

IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS, NORTH CAROLINA HAS RECEIVED

OVER 600 MILLION DOLLARS IN GENERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS.

THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE HAS RECEIVED OVER 20 MILLION DOLLARS,

AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MORE THAN 10 MILLION DOLLARS.

I'VE PROPOSED A FIVE AND THREE-QUARTER YEAR

EXTENSION OF THE GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM, AND AN

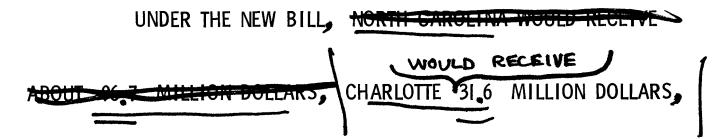
INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM.

TELLING LOCAL PEOPLE HOW TO SOLVE LOCAL PROBLEMS.

AND IT'S WORKED WITHOUT A LOT OF WASHINGTON BUREAUCRATS



AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY 15 MILLION DOLLARS.



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THAT'S A TREND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE IN EVERY

POSSIBLE WAY, AND REVENUE SHARING HAS BEEN A VERY GOOD

PLACE TO START.

IN FIGHTING FOR REVENUE-SHARING AND IN MANY

OTHER LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS, JIM HAS PROVEN HE HAS THE

EXPERTISE AND THE DEEP COMMITMENT TO SERVICE THAT MAKE

HIM A TRULY OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR INTERESTS

AND YOUR BELIEFS.

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KEEP HIM WORKING FOR YOU IN WASHINGTON.

AND THAT BRINGS ME TO ANOTHER,

INCIDENTAL REASON I'M IN NORTH CAROLINA TODAY.



THERE'S A RUMOR GOING AROUND THAT NORTH

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CAROLINA IS PLANNING TO HOLD A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

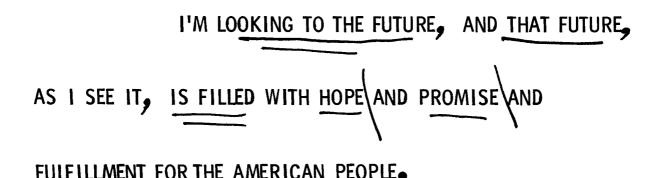
NEXT TUESDAY. I HEARD ABOUT IT ON THE PLANE.

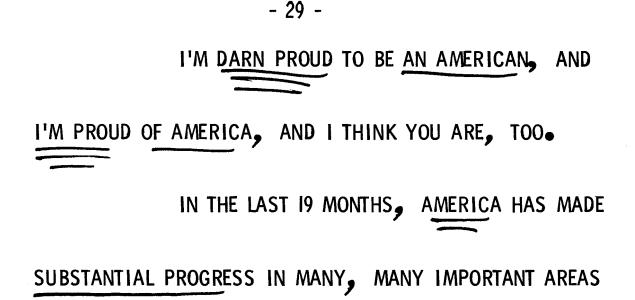
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WE'VE BEEN THROUGH SOME BAD TIMES IN AMERICA

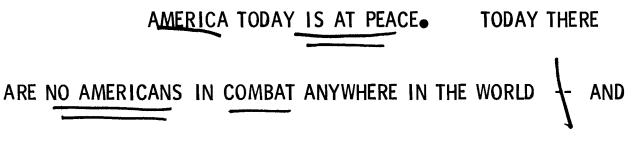
IN RECENT YEARS. THERE'S NO DENYING IT, BUT THERE'S ALSO

NO USE IN DWELLING ON IT.





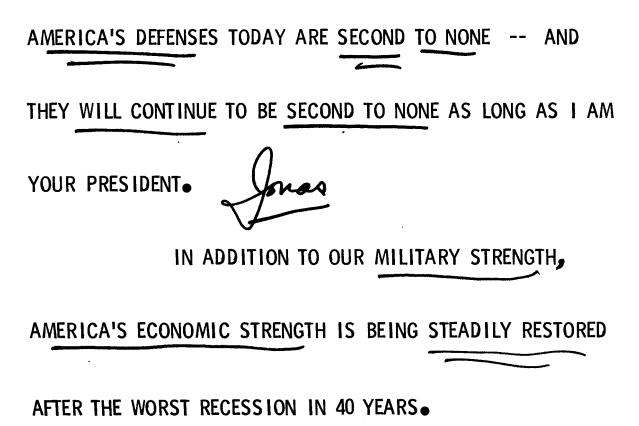
OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE.



I INTEND TO KEEP IT THAT WAY $_{ullet}$

I AM PURSUING A POLICY OF PEACE THROUGH

STRENGTH•

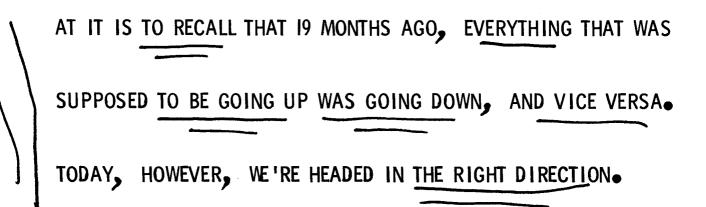


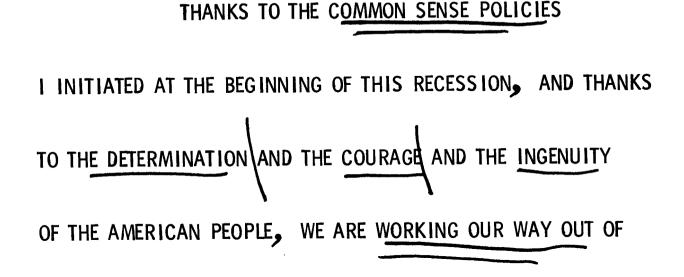
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IT'S EASY TO GET LOST IN A SEA OF STATISTICS

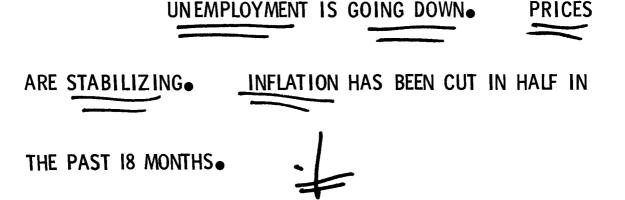
WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ECONOMICS A SIMPLE WAY TO LOOK





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RECESSION.



ANY DETOURS NOW.

ANY DETOURS NOW-

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO TAKE

WE ARE ON THE ROAD TO A NEW PROSPERITY IN

IN FACT, THE LABOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED JUST

YESTERDAY THAT CONSUMER PRICES INCREASED ONLY ONE-TENTH

OF ONE PERCENT IN FEBRUARY, THE SMALLEST MONTHLY INCREASE

IN MORE THAN FOUR YEARS.

ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THAT REPRESENTS AN INFLATION

RATE OF JUST A LITTLE MORE THAN ONE PERCENT, AND THAT'S

A WHOLE LOT BETTER THAN THE TWELVE PERCENT WE WERE EXPERIENCING

A YEAR AND A HALF AGO AT THE OUTSET OF MY PRESIDENCY.

I WON'T TRY TO MISLEAD YOU AND SAY THE NEWS

ON INFLATION WILL BE THIS GOOD EVERY MONTH. BUT THIS

NEW ANNOUNCEMENT IS POWERFUL EVIDENCE THAT WE ARE

GOING TO LET GO NOW, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

THERE'S STILL MORE GOOD ECONOMIC NEWS.

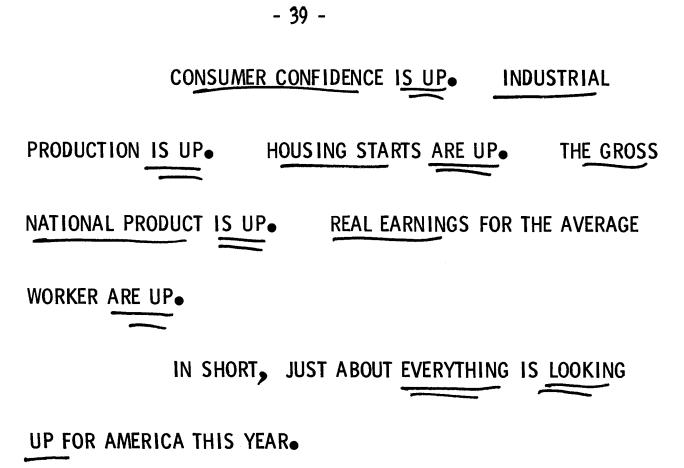
THE RATE OF GROWTH IN FEDERAL SPENDING HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF IN THE BUDGET I SUBMITTED FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR.

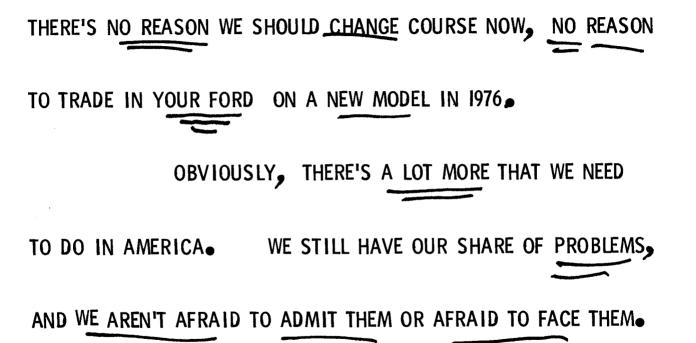
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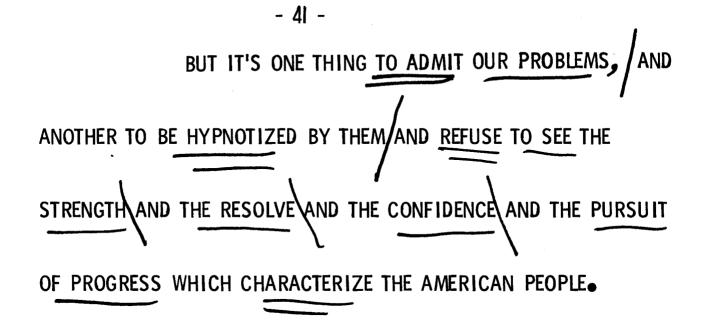
THE NUMBER OF JOBS FOR AMERICANS IS

GROWING EVERY DAY. WE'VE RECOVERED 100 PERCENT OF

THE JOBS WE LOST DURING THE RECESSION.







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THE VERY FACT THAT WE HAVE WEATHERED

SO MANY STORMS IN RECENT YEARS PROVES TO ME THAT THE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS STILL THE GREATEST NATION ON

EARTH•

WE HAVE ENDURED SHOCKS TO OUR SYSTEM

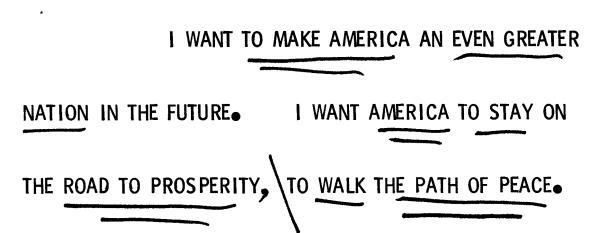
THAT MIGHT HAVE PARALYZED A LESSER COUNTRY, BUT WE

HAVE EMERGED STRONGER THAN EVER.

THIS IS A GREAT COUNTRY. WE'RE LUCKY TO BE

AMERICANS, AND I DON'T THINK ANY OF US WOULD TRADE PLACES

WITH THE PEOPLE OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.



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THAT IS WHY I AM ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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NEXT TUESDAY, NEXT NOVEMBER, AND IN THE CHALLENGING

YEARS AHEAD.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

