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THANK YOU, KEN. (McDonald - presents "Outstanding Citizen of Michigan Award" to you.)

TONY GASTON (President, Michigan Association of Broadcasters)

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I AM PARTICULARLY TOUCHED AND HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS FINE AWARD FROM A GROUP OF OUTSTANDING CITIZENS OF MY HOME STATE, MICHIGAN. BEING SELECTED AS THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF MICHIGAN AWARD MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO ME AND I THANK ALL OF YOU.
THIS EVENING, AS ALWAYS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET AND TALK WITH THE MICHIGAN BROADCASTERS.

MY FRIENDSHIPS WITH MANY OF YOU GO BACK NEARLY 20 YEARS WHEN BETTY AND I FIRST BEGAN ATTENDING THESE ANNUAL AFFAIRS.

BETTY CAN'T BE WITH ME TONIGHT; BUT,

SHE ASKED ME TO SAY HELLO TO ALL OF HER FRIENDS HERE.
WITH OUR STATE'S PRIMARY COMING UP IN A WEEK,

I KNOW THAT I DON'T HAVE TO REMIND ANYONE HERE OF THE VITAL ROLE

THAT RADIO AND TELEVISION PLAYS IN HELPING THE VOTERS

UNDERSTAND THE REAL ISSUES AND THE HIGH STAKES INVOLVED

IN THIS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR.

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OVER THE YEARS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE SHARE

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