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HARRY DENT TV SPOT

IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TONIGHT TO PAY
TRIBUTE TO ONE OF AMERICA'S FOREMOST POLITICAL
LEADERS, HARRY DENT.

HARRY DENT UNDERSTANDS POLITICS AS MUCH AS ANY
MAN I KNOW, AND HE IS ONE OF THE FINEST POLITICAL
STRATEGISTS IN THE COUNTRY TODAY.

I ADMIRE HARRY FOR MANY REASONS: HE HAS A
DEEP SENSE OF LOYALTY .. HE IS A MAN YOU CAN
COUNT ON.

HE APPROACHED POLITICS IN AN UNSELFISH WAY.

I REMEMBER ONCE IN THE OVAL OFFICE WHEN I
THANKED HARRY FOR HIS HELP IN MY CAMPAIGN.
HE SAID, "MR. PRESIDENT, I'M WORKING FOR YOU
BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN YOU. I DON'T WANT ANYTHING
IN RETURN."

IN HIS UNSELFISH WAY, HARRY MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION
OF TIME AND TALENT TO MY 1976 CAMPAIGN, BOTH IN THE
PRIMARIES AND IN THE GENERAL ELECTION. HE WENT THE
EXTRA MILE FOR ME, AND I WILL NEVER FORGET IT.

(MORE)

LET ME ADD ONE FINAL POINT ...

HARRY'S CONTRIBUTIONS GO FAR BEYOND ANY SINGLE
CAMPAIGN. HE HAS ALSO MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION
TO HIS COUNTRY BECAUSE HARRY, ALONG WITH OTHERS,
HAS BEEN IMMENSELY HELPFUL IN BRINGING THE SOUTH
INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF AMERICAN POLITICS --
AN ACCOMPLISHMENT THE ENTIRE NATION CAN WELCOME.

HARRY DENT IS A GOOD AMERICAN. HE IS A GOOD FRIEND.
AND I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU ABOUT
HIM TONIGHT.