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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT THE DEDICATION
OF THE BROCK HOUSE

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

11:07 A.M. PDT

Bill, Margaret and all of you who have so generously come with your time and your enthusiasm and your dedication to this wonderful day here at Pepperdine, I thank you, as well as Betty.

I have known Margaret a good many years. I have known her many, many efforts in a broad spectrum. Of course, those of us who are Republicans knew that she has been a loyal, generous, dedicated Republican and she is sort of known by those of us outside of California as Mrs. Republican, and we thank you very, very much for that, Margaret.

But, as Bill has said and all of you, I am sure, know, her interests are far broader than that in civic and community affairs. Her generosity is extremely well-known. As she indicated, she has a very deep commitment not only to Pepperdine as an institution but to the students here at Pepperdine and that covers, again, many, many things that she does that are not too well-known. She has a little special fund that helps deserving and needy and fine students.

I am told that Margaret, on many occasions, to a civic function, to a community activity, wherever people come in from the outside, she will support it and make sure that the younger people participate. The emphasis on youth, I think, has helped to keep Margaret just as youthful and attractive as she is today.

This beautiful house is a great tribute to her real deep interest in Pepperdine and I can't imagine a nicer couple and family than Bill and Gay and their four fine sons being the first occupants and establishing a great precedence as a family.

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And may I just close because I am going to talk a little later and I don't want to preempt here what I might say down there.

But I have, of course, had an opportunity to look into what Pepperdine stands for. It stands for excellence in education and anything that is related to excellence, whether it is in the arts or in athletics, in business, professions, I wholeheartedly support, and Pepperdine, in the field of education, does represent that high standard.

And the 8,000-some students who attend here, some at this campus and some at the other campuses, are likewise getting the benefit of not only excellence but great leadership.

I thank you all very, very much for coming and it is a pleasure to participate, Margaret, in these dedication ceremonies and both Betty and I are delighted to see you again and we thank you for your help to this great school.

Thank you very, very much.

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(AT 11:11 A.M. PDT)