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THIRTY-EIGHTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT LUNCHEON

MARCH 11, 1976

FROM ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS

I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU - - -

AND YOUR HARD WORK FOR THE GOP,

I JUST WISH WE COULD PACKAGE ^{up}

YOUR ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM - - -

AND DISTRIBUTE THE PACKAGES

AROUND THE COUNTRY

FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OTHER G.O.P. VOLUNTEERS.

OF ALL OF THE STORIES I'VE HEARD

ABOUT DEDICATED SERVICE,

MY FAVORITE IS ABOUT THE ELDERLY VOTER

WHO WAS TAKEN TO THE POLLS TWICE.

SHE WAS SO IMPRESSED

BY THE CONCERN AND HELPFULNESS OF THE PERSON, *who helped her*

SHE COULDN'T BEAR

TO TELL THE SECOND VOLUNTEER

SHE'D ALREADY BEEN TO VOTE.

THAT STORY TOLD ME SO MUCH---

NOT ONLY ABOUT HOW HARD YOU WORK,

BUT SOMETHING EVEN MORE IMPORTANT---

HOW MUCH PERSONAL ATTENTION

YOU GIVE TO PEOPLE.

SOMETIMES ALL OF THE SOPHISTICATED TALK

ABOUT POLLS AND PERCENTAGES

OVERSHADOWS WHAT GOOD POLITICS IS ABOUT---PEOPLE!

YOU OBVIOUSLY UNDERSTAND THIS VERY WELL.

AMERICANS WHO'VE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED

IN PARTY WORK

WATCH THOSE VOTES

FLICK ON THE TELEVISION SCREEN ELECTION NIGHT

AND THINK ONLY OF NUMBERS.

YOU SEE THOSE NUMBERS

AND THINK ABOUT PEOPLE---

PEOPLE WHO MUST BE REGISTERED

AND URGED TO THE POLLS.

GRASSROOTS IS EXACTLY THE RIGHT DESCRIPTION
OF THE SILENT, INDISPENSABLE WORK — — —
VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU DO FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.
JUST AS THE ROOTS OF GRASS HOLD THE SOIL IN PLACE---
SO YOUR WORK KEEPS THE PARTY TOGETHER.

YOU PREVENT THE EROSION
OF REPUBLICAN SUPORT DURING OFF YEARS,
AND YOU WORK EVERY SEASON
TO BUILD UP GOP REGISTRATION
AND TO KEEP THE PARTY ORGANIZATION
RUNNING SMOOTHLY.
YOU DO THE PARTY'S HARD WORK---
OUT OF THE LIMELIGHT AND WITHOUT PAY.

MEM

ALL OF THE JOBS YOU DO---

- 1 KEEPING HEADQUARTERS OPEN,
- 2 RAISING YOUR OWN FUNDS,
- 3 DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE
4. AND REGISTERING AND GETTING OUT VOTERS---

REQUIRE TIME, PATIENCE, AND ENERGY

AND LOTS OF DEDICATION.

I KNOW HOW INDISPENSABLE

GOP VOLUNTEERS ARE FOR OUR PARTY,

AND I'M PROUD TO JOIN THIS "THANK YOU"

FOR ALL THOSE HOURS,

~~AND~~ ALL THOSE ^{Tired} ~~SORE~~ FEET.

And ALL THOSE late dinnees,

I'VE BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT FIVE AWARDS
TO THOSE WHO REPRESENT
THE DEDICATED SERVICE YOU ALL GIVE,
AND I'M VERY HONORED TO DO SO.

TO THE CANOGA PARK JR. REPUBLICANS---

A YOUTH GROUP DEDICATED

TO THE PRINCIPLES AND PHILOSOPHY

OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

AND PLEDGED TO CARRY THEM OUT

WITH ENERGY, DEVOTION AND ENTERPRISE.

GROUP ^{Past} PRESIDENT MARK WILDBERGER.

and newly elected Cheryl Howell

TO MRS. RETA FITZPATRICK---

DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS

OF TIRELESS GRASSROOTS WORK

IN THE 38TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT,

SHE GAVE GENEROUSLY OF HER TIME AND EFFORTS

WHILE SERVING AS PRECINCT CHAIRMAN.

TO MRS. MADGE TARTER---

AFTER RETIREMENT,

SHE FOUND A NEW AND ENJOYABLE CAREER

WORKING FOR THE GOP

WHEN SHE BECAME HEADQUARTERS AND PHONE CHAIRMAN

FOR THE 38TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

TO MRS. VIRGINIA BLASHILL---

FOR MANY YEARS,

SHE HAS SERVED AS PRECINCT CHAIRMAN

FOR THE PACIFIC PALISADES AREA OF THE DISTRICT,

AND HER EFFORTS HAVE INCREASED

REPUBLICAN VOTER REGISTRATION

AND PRODUCED MORE GOP VOTES

ON ELECTION DAY.

TO MRS. MARY ROBINSON---

SHE FOUND NO LIMITATIONS

AS A REPUBLICAN PARTY WORKER

AND WORE MANY HATS,

BUT SHE DISPLAYED HER MOST EXCEPTIONAL TALENTS

AS REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN.

I CONGRATULATE EACH OF THESE
SPECIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS
AND ALL OF YOU IN THIS AUDIENCE
WHO HAVE GIVEN SO GENEROUSLY
OF YOURSELVES TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

And go out and get them.

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