

TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE
DEDICATION OF OLD AGE HOME
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- * WHAT A JOY IT IS TO BE HERE TODAY AND TO SHARE IN THIS DEDICATION -- A HAPPY MOMENT FOR SO MANY PEOPLE.
- * BEING IN PUBLIC LIFE OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AND TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE -- A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE -- IN PEOPLE'S LIVES -- AND EVENTS SUCH AS THIS REALLY UNDERSCORES THIS FOR ME.
- * SARAH'S CIRCLE -- BIRTHDAY PARTY THERE.
- * MY GRANDMOTHER WAS ALSO A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR ME. SHE LIVED TO WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY AND SHE PRACTICED WHAT SHE PREACHED. SUNDAY WAS THE LORD'S DAY -- FOR DOING ONLY ACTS OF MERCY AND NECESSITY. SHE GAVE TO MINISTERS AT HOME AND MISSIONS ABROAD. WITH THE INSURANCE MONEY PAID AT THE TIME OF HER SON'S TRAGIC DEATH AT THE HAND OF A DRUNKEN DRIVER, SHE HELPED BUILD A NEW WING ON A HOSPITAL IN FAR-OFF PAKISTAN. IT WAS A LOT OF MONEY FOR

THE EARLY 1930S AND SHE WAS BY NO MEANS A WEALTHY WOMAN. I NEVER HEARD AN UNKIND WORD ESCAPE HER LIPS IN ALL THE YEARS I KNEW HER. I NEVER SAW AN UNGRACIOUS DEED MAR HER PATH. MY GRANDMOTHER WAS A PERFECT ROLE MODEL. I LEARNED IN HER HOUSE TO APPRECIATE THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL OF AMERICAN VALUES: A LOVE OF GOD AND COUNTRY. THAT WAS HER LEGACY TO ME.

* THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME HERE TODAY AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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