

TALKING POINTS FOR
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE
AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF ROBERT E. FARRIS
AS DEPUTY FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR
AUGUST 8, 1986
WASHINGTON, D.C.

* DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO OFFICIALLY WELCOME BOB FARRIS TO THE DEPARTMENT (WIFE, DOROTHY; SON, ROBERT JR.; DAUGHTER, JULIE AND MOTHER, EDNA WILL BE ATTENDING).

* WILL BENEFIT FROM HIS HIGHWAY EXPERTISE:

--COMMISSIONER, TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; EMPHASIZED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION. I UNDERSTAND HE TAKES GREAT PRIDE--AND JUSTIFIABLY SO--IN THE STATE'S UNIQUE BRIDGE PROGRAM, WHICH SAW IMPROVEMENTS IN 1500 BRIDGES IN 24 MONTHS;

--WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS; SERVED AS CHAIRMAN;

* LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH BOB ON A FULL PLATE OF ISSUES: OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS THIS YEAR'S HIGHWAY LEGISLATION; ANOTHER MAJOR COMMITMENT IS TO OUR MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY PROGRAM.

AND AS A LICENSED PILOT, HAS EXPERIENCE--IN ANOTHER MODE OF TRANSPORTATION--WE MIGHT WANT TO TAP.

AND IS AN AVID WORLD TRAVELER--HAS LOGGED MANY MILES ON HIS VISITS TO AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, HONG KONG AND CHINA, A FASCINATING COUNTRY MY HUSBAND AND I VISITED LAST YEAR.

* WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE BOB WITH US HERE IN WASHINGTON, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF HIS PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITIES, BUT ALSO BECAUSE HE IS THE KIND OF PERSON WHO MAKES A TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH HE LIVES.

* HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE RED CROSS FOR 17 YEARS--HAS HIS FIVE GALLON BLOOD DONOR PIN--AND WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THEIR NEWLY FINISHED \$5½ MILLION BLOOD CENTER AND CHAPTER BUILDING.

* HAS TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR OVER 30 YEARS--JUST PAST SUNDAY TOLD THE CLASS HE HAS TAUGHT FOR 17 YEARS IN A ROW THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO WITHOUT HIM FOR A WHILE.

* WE'D LIKE TO THANK THAT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, HIS FAMILY AND ALL HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN TENNESSEE FOR LETTING US HAVE THIS CHANCE TO WORK WITH BOB.

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