

TALKING POINTS FOR SECRETARY ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE
UNVEILING OF OFFICIAL PORTRAIT FOR CHAIRMAN OF
MERCHANT MARINES & FISHERIES COMMITTEE

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1334 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

* JOY TO BE W. WALTER & ELIZABETH - VERY SPECIAL OCCASION. APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO A MAN FOR WHOM I HAVE THE HIGHEST RESPECT & ADMIRATION.

* WALTER, EARLY IN 1981...ONLY FEW WEEKS INTO MY TOUR OF DUTY AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

* JUST GLAD I WASN'T SEC OF T THEN--ONE OF WILDEST RIDES I'VE EVER HAD --SURGERY. AFTER 7 HOURS CHASING THAT ELUSIVE LITTLE KIDNEY STONE...

* GOT TO KNOW A WONDERFUL WARM GENTLEMAN FROM NORTH CAROLINA -- KIND, THOUGHTFUL-- 3 YRS -- AS SEC OF T -- OPPORT TO WORK CLOSELY LEARNED A FEW THINGS YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE OF...

* HE'S AN AVID FOOTBALL FAN--OF COURSE I SHOULDN'T BE DISCUSSING THAT --SONNY JERGENSEN.

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* SHOWS WHAT I KNOW ABOUT FOOTBALL. NEVERTHELESS, I AM BOLD ENOUGH TO TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT CHAIRMAN JONES' ATHLETIC CAREER.

-- WAS STAR ATHELETE IN FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL.

-- RECEIVED FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP TO NORTH CAROLINA STATE.

-- FOR MANY YEARS HE OFFICIATED AT COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAMES.

* HE STILL REMAINS AN AVID FAN & WATCHING FOOTBALL IS A FAVORITE WAY TO RELAX.

* WALTER REPRESENTS THE LARGEST DISTRICT IN N.C.

* IN FACT, WALTER'S DISTRICT INCLUDES THE OUTER BANKS, WHERE THE WRIGHT BROTHERS FLEW THE FIRST AIRPLANE.

* THERE ARE MANY VISIBLE SIGNS OF WALTER'S PUBLIC SERVICE IN NORTH CAROLINA. FOR EXAMPLE, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING

THE EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY NURSING COLLEGE -- ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE NATION.

* WALTER, YOUR CAREER SPANS A TOTAL OF 43 YEARS OF ELECTED LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL OFFICE. AND JUST LAST MONTH YOU MARKED 20 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALWAYS AS A STRONG VOICE FOR MARITIME AND COAST GUARD INTEREST.

* COMING TOGETHER THIS MORNING ALLOWS US NOT ONLY TO UNVEIL A GREAT PORTRAIT BY TERRY ROGERS -- A YOUNG AND EXCITING NEW ARTIST, BUT IT GIVES US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL ONE OF AMERICA'S FINEST PUBLIC SERVANTS HOW MUCH WE THINK OF HIM AND HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE HIS GOOD COUNSEL.

* WALTER WAS A PRIME MOVER FOR THE SHIPPING ACT OF 1984 -- THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF THE OCEAN SHIPPING REGULATORY LAWS IN 63 YEARS.

* DREW LEWIS

* HE IS AT THE HELM AT A TIME WHEN U.S. AND WORLD SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING SECTORS TRULY NEED HIS DEDICATION AND UNIQUE ABILITIES.

* JOHN GRAUGHAM & I ARE GRATEFUL TO BE WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MARITIME POLICIES TO DEAL WITH THE COMPETITIVE REALITIES FACING OUR SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRIES.

* MR. CHAIRMAN, WE DON'T ALWAYS SEE EYE-TO-EYE ON THE SCOPE AND DIRECTION OF MARITIME POLICY INITIATIVES TO GET OUR MARITIME INDUSTRIES BACK ON AN EVEN KEEL.

* BUT, I CAN SAY TO ALL HERE ASSEMBLED, THAT YOU HAVE THAT SPECIAL TRAIT OF SOUTHERN GENTLEMEN: YOU ARE VERY AGREEABLE WHILE BEING DISAGREEABLE.

* THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION, APPRECIATION, & AFFECTION FOR A GREAT CHAIRMAN.

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