

REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY BY
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PAULA HAWKINS BRUNCH
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WHAT A JOY TO BE TOGETHER THIS MORNING IN HONOR OF SENATOR PAULA HAWKINS.

WHILE I'VE KNOWN PAULA SINCE YOU FIRST ELECTED HER IN 1980, I'VE HAD THE DISTINCT PRIVILEGE OF WORKING CLOSELY WITH HER SINCE I BECAME SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

I'VE JUST CELEBRATED MY THIRD ANNIVERSARY AS SECRETARY. REMINDED ME OF EARLY DAYS JUST AFTER NOMINATION WHEN A NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES WANTED TO DO INTERVIEWS ON THE DUAL CAREER MARRIAGE...BD AND BED (H.K.BATE).

YOU KNOW, I THINK BOB'S A LITTLE JEALOUS OF ME. 'COURSE HE'D NEVER SAY SO. BUT MY ORGANIZATION IS BIGGER THAN HIS. AND MY PEOPLE USUALLY DO WHAT I ASK.

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BOB'S EXTREMELY HAPPY THAT I'M HERE TO HELP REELECT HIS COLLEAGUE, PAULA HAWKINS -- NOT ONLY BECAUSE PAULA IS A GREAT SENATOR BUT, YOU SEE, THAT WILL HELP KEEP HIM AS THE MAJORITY LEADER.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DO YOU WANT THE SENATE RUN BY BOB DOLE OR TED KENNEDY? THIS IS THE ISSUE. WE MUST REELECT PAULA HAWKINS AND MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE U. S. SENATE.

I KNOW BOB WOULD BE DELIGHTED WITH THE ENTHUSIASM OF THIS GROUP -- A WONDERFUL DEMONSTRATION OF THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE FOR PAULA AND THE REMARKABLE GROWTH OF OUR PARTY HERE IN FLORIDA AND THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH.

THANKS TO YOU FLORIDA HAS BECOME A TWO PARTY STATE; A STATE THE OTHER PARTY CAN NO LONGER TAKE FOR GRANTED. BUT WHEN YOU ELECTED

PAULA HAWKINS TO THE SENATE IN 1980, YOU MADE IT CLEAR IT WASN'T GOING TO BE BUSINESS AS USUAL IN FLORIDA. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S ALIVE AND KICKING UP ITS HEELS IN THE SUNSHINE STATE!

THE FACT THAT WE NOW HAVE SUCH LEADERS IN GOVERNMENT IS DUE IN NO SMALL PART TO THOSE WHO GIVE TO THE POLITICAL PROCESS THEIR HEART, AS WELL AS THEIR MATERIAL RESOURCES -- WHO SHARE THEIR TIME, THEIR ENERGY, THEIR COMMITMENT. AND WE KNOW IT TAKES ALL THAT TO WIN ELECTIONS.

I'M LOOKING AT SUCH A GATHERING TONIGHT, AND IF I IMPART NOTHING ELSE, I WANT TO EXPRESS THE PERSONAL GRATITUDE I FEEL, ALONG WITH SO MANY OTHERS IN THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, FOR ALL YOU DO TO MAKE WHAT WE DO POSSIBLE. YOU REMIND US -- AS IF WE NEEDED ANY REMINDING -- THAT A COUNTRY IS LIKE A TREE, STRONGEST AT ITS

GRASSROOTS. CERTAINLY THAT'S THE HALLMARK OF RONALD REAGAN'S PRESIDENCY.

AND SPEAKING OF STRENGTH, I ADMIRE PAULA HAWKINS FOR HER CONVICTION. I KNOW BECAUSE AS SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, I HAVE WORKED WITH HER ON NUMEROUS ISSUES. PAULA IS A MOST EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE -- SHE'S ALWAYS FIGHTING FOR THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA -- FOR BETTER HIGHWAYS, FOR STOPPING DRUG TRAFFICKING AND USAGE. I FIND MYSELF CONSTANTLY WORKING ON ISSUES PAULA IS FIGHTING FOR. SHE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, FAMILY, DRUGS AND ALCOHOLISM AND SHE GETS THINGS DONE. SHE'S NOT AFRAID TO TAKE ON THE TOUGH AND OFTEN CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. WE NEED PAULA IN THE SENATE.

PAULA HAS BEEN AN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER OF OUR PARTY HERE IN FLORIDA AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AS SHE IS ALWAYS WILLING TO LEND A HELPING HAND FOR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES. IN 1986, PAULA HAWKINS NEEDS OUR SUPPORT TO ENSURE THAT SHE CAN CONTINUE TO SPEAK FOR YOU.

TODAY WE REJOICE IN THE REBIRTH OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT. RONALD REAGAN'S AMERICA IS A REJUVENATED LAND. THANKS TO HIM -- THANKS TO PAULA AND THANKS TO YOU -- WE'VE GOT HOPE. CHOICES AND OPPORTUNITY ABOUND.

THESE ARE THE CHORDS, OPPORTUNITY AND CHOICE, THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS TOUCHED. THEY EXPLAIN WHY THIS PRESIDENT, MORE THAN ANY IN RECENT HISTORY, IS IN HARMONY WITH THE NATION'S YOUNGEST VOTERS; WHY MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF ALL YOUNG VOTERS, 68 PERCENT OF FIRST-TIME VOTERS, AND MORE THAN 57 PERCENT OF WOMEN VOTERS RESPONDED

FAVORABLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE; WHY A MAJORITY OF AMERICANS, REGARDLESS OF AGE, REAFFIRMED HIS LEADERSHIP. THEY BELIEVE, AND RIGHTLY SO, THAT THE PRESIDENT IS COMMITTED TO THESE VALUES; THEY KNOW HE HAS THE COURAGE AND VISION TO PURSUE THEM.

IN WASHINGTON, PURSUING CONVICTION CAN BE DANGEROUS. OUR GOVERNMENT HAS GREAT POWER OVER INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES; THOSE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY GOVERNMENT DECISIONS HAVE ARMIES OF REPRESENTATIVES DOING THEIR BIDDING. IT ISN'T EASY TO MAINTAIN YOUR CONVICTIONS IN THIS CITY. THAT COURAGE IS THE SPECIAL BADGE OF RONALD REAGAN.

WHEN HISTORIANS JUDGE THIS PRESIDENT, I BELIEVE THEY WILL MAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF THESE QUALITIES: HIS DEDICATION TO THE SPIRIT OF

OPPORTUNITY AND CHOICE... HIS COURAGE TO PURSUE THOSE POLICIES AGAINST THE OPPOSITION OF ASSEMBLED SPECIAL INTERESTS.

I WON'T FORGET A CABINET MEETING AT WHICH I SPELLED OUT THE POLITICAL COSTS OF PURSUING A LINE OF POLICY. THE PRESIDENT LOOKED AT ME AND THANKED ME FOR DOING MY JOB, TRYING TO PROTECT HIM INsofar AS I COULD. THEN HE SAID SOMETHING WHICH GOES TO THE HEART OF OUR MISSION: "ELIZABETH, FORGET WHAT'S THE BEST THING TO DO POLITICALLY. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO?

IT WASN'T EASY TO BRING INFLATION UNDER CONTROL IN TWO YEARS INSTEAD OF TEN -- IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO... PRESIDENT REAGAN DID IT!

IT WASN'T EASY TO CREATE OVER 9 MILLION JOBS, OVER HALF FILLED BY WORKING WOMEN -- IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO... PRESIDENT REAGAN DID IT!

IT WASN'T EASY TO CUT TAXES ACROSS THE BOARD SO ALL AMERICANS COULD KEEP MORE OF WHAT THEY EARNED -- IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO... THE PRESIDENT DID IT!

IT WASN'T EASY TO BRING JUSTICE TO THE THUGS WHO HIJACKED THE ACHILLE LAURO -- IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO... AND RONALD REAGAN DID IT!

ONE MAN, ARMED WITH A FAITH, GIFTED WITH A GENIUS FOR MOVING OTHERS, SET OUT TO CHANGE AMERICA. NOW WE BETTER NOT MESS UP!

WE'VE DONE A LOT. MUCH REMAINS. FOR THE SAKE OF AMERICA, IT'S NOT WHETHER THIS REAGAN REVOLUTION SHOULD BE CARVED IN STONE, BUT HOW.

THE PRESIDENT HAS CHARTED A COURSE. HE'S GIVEN US THE MARCHING ORDERS: MAKE TAXES SIMPLER SO THAT ALL AMERICANS CAN KNOW THEY ARE PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE; ELIMINATE THE COMPLEXITIES THAT CONFUSE US; GET RID OF THE PREFERENCES THAT ENRAGE MANY OF US.

AND THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING. WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, THE OBLIGATION, TO GET THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF BUSINESSES THAT SHOULD BE RUN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE WORD "PRIVATIZATION" -- AN AWKWARD PHRASE AT BEST -- WAS ASSOCIATED WITH MARGARET THATCHER'S SPLENDID PROGRAM IN GREAT BRITAIN. THE TIME HAS COME TO USE THE BRITISH MODEL HERE. THE SALE OF CONRAIL, OUR GOVERNMENT FREIGHT RAILROAD, IS THE FLAGSHIP FOR PRIVATIZATION. WE'VE ALREADY TRANSFERRED THE ALASKA RAILROAD TO THE STATE. WE'RE ASKING CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF WASHINGTON AND DULLES AIRPORTS TO AN INDEPENDENT

REGIONAL COMMISSION. WE'LL SUNSET THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, LIKE WE DID THE C.A.B., AND COMPLETE DEREGULATION IN TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER INDUSTRIES.

WE'VE GOT SOME BIG CHALLENGES AHEAD OF US, SOME TOUGH CHOICES. WITH THEM COMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT OUR STAMP ON HISTORY. WITHIN OUR GRASP ARE PERMANENT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS THAT HAVE PLAGUED US FOR DECADES.

THOSE WHO PLAY POLITICS WILL SAY WE CAN'T COMPLETE THE MISSION. IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ROOMS AND AT COCKTAIL PARTIES AND IN THE PAGES OF THE PRESS, WE WILL BE TOLD IT CAN'T BE DONE. THE PESSIMISTS AND THE CYNICS --ALL THOSE WHO FAILED IN THE PAST -- WILL

TELL US WE MUST ABANDON OUR MESSAGE AND CAVE IN TO MORE GOVERNMENT. THE DRUM BEAT HAS ALREADY BEGUN. WELL, WE HAVE OUR OWN DRUMS.

FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, OUR PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AND THE STRONG COMMITMENT OF PAULA HAWKINS HAVE ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS DEDICATED TO MAKING THINGS HAPPEN, INCLUDING ALL GATHERED HERE TODAY.

THIS PRESIDENT HAS ESTABLISHED A BENCHMARK OF LEADERSHIP THAT WILL REQUIRE THOSE WHO FOLLOW NOT MERELY TO PIECE TOGETHER A MOSAIC OF POLITICAL AND SPECIAL INTERESTS, BUT TO ASSEMBLE A CONSTELLATION OF IDEAS THAT WEAVE TOGETHER THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

WE FACE DARN TOUGH ASSIGNMENTS. TO GET THE JOB DONE, THE PRESIDENT IS CALLING ON EACH OF US TO RENEW OUR MORAL COMMITMENT TO

THAT SPIRIT OF SELFLESSNESS THAT "FLOWS LIKE A DEEP AND MIGHTY RIVER THROUGH THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION."

THE PRESIDENT RECALLS HOW HE FIRST LEARNED TO DEAL WITH ENORMOUS CHALLENGE AND STRESS AS A NEWLY-ELECTED GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA. "EACH MORNING BEGAN," HE SAYS, "WITH SOMEONE STANDING BEFORE MY DESK DESCRIBING YET ANOTHER DISASTER. THE FEELING OF STRESS BECAME UNBEARABLE. I HAD THE URGE TO LOOK OVER MY SHOULDER FOR SOMEONE I COULD PASS THE PROBLEM TO. ONE DAY IT CAME TO ME THAT I WAS LOOKING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. I LOOKED UP INSTEAD OF BACK. I'M STILL LOOKING UP. I COULDN'T FACE ONE DAY IN THIS OFFICE IF I DIDN'T KNOW I COULD ASK GOD'S HELP!" LET US NEVER FORGET THE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH AND COURAGE.

OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, PAULA HAWKINS HAS BEEN TAKING ON TOUGH CHALLENGES FOR FLORIDIANS. SHE FACES A TOUGH CHALLENGE THIS NOVEMBER. YOU HAVE HELPED HER COME SO FAR -- BUT YOU CAN'T STOP HERE. YOU MUST NOT STOP UNTIL EVERY LAST FLORIDIAN HAS CAST HIS OR HER BALLOT ON NOVEMBER 4. WE MUST REELECT PAULA HAWKINS. YOU NEED HER AND WE IN WASHINGTON NEED HER.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FIRST LET ME CLOSE BY SAYING THAT THE GREATEST AMONG US HAVE ALWAYS LOOKED TO THE FUTURE UNAFRAID. FOR WE ARE A PEOPLE ACCUSTOMED TO LARGE CHALLENGES. IN THE WORDS OF WINSTON CHURCHILL, "WE HAVE NOT TRAINED ALL THIS WAY ACROSS THE CENTURIES, ACROSS THE OCEANS, ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS, ACROSS THE PRAIRIES, BECAUSE WE ARE MADE OF SUGAR CANDY." THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF FLORIDIANS WHO, FROM THE DAYS OF PONCE DE LEON AND OTHER

EXPLORERS IN SEARCH OF THE FAMOUS CITY OF EL DORADO, HAVE HAD A PIONEERING DREAM. TODAY, IN A TIME OF RAPID EXPANSION, YOU SEEK NEW WAYS TO MARRY ECONOMIC GROWTH TO ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS, INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM TO SOCIAL CONSCIENCE.

FLORIDA ONCE WAS AMERICA'S PHYSICAL FRONTIER. TODAY, I SEE FLORIDA ON THE EDGE OF AMERICA'S POLITICAL FRONTIER. NOW, AS IN THE DAYS OF OLD, FRONTIERS ARE MADE FOR THE CHALLENGE THEY AFFORD. IF THERE ARE MOUNTAINS BEFORE, THEN LET US CLIMB THEM. IF THERE ARE DESERT STRETCHES AHEAD, THEN LET US CROSS THEM. IF THE ROAD IS STEEP AND SOMETIMES SLIPPERY, THEN HOW MUCH MORE PREFERABLE THAN THE WELL RUTTED PATHS OF YESTERDAY'S DOGMAS. OURS IS NEITHER THE TIME, NOR IS THIS THE PLACE, FOR MEN AND WOMEN WITH FAINT HEARTS, FEEBLE COURAGE, WEAK COMMITMENT, OR SELFISH MOTIVES. WE WILL PURSUE

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OUR TRADITION AND TOGETHER WE WILL COMPLETE IT. OUR COUNTRY
DESERVES IT, HISTORY DEMANDS IT, AND OUR CHILDREN WILL REWARD IT.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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