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A TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR CONGRESSMAN
GLENN DAVIS, SPONSORED BY THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY OF WISCONSIN'S NINTH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT, 7.30 P.M., CDT, OCT. 26, 1973,
AT THE WAUKESHA COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER
WAUKESHA, WIS.

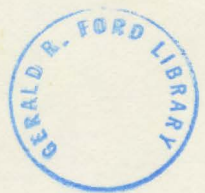
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Bob Warren

- 1) Telephone call.
- 2) Steve =
- 3) Anderson =

IT IS A PLEASURE AND A PRIVILEGE
FOR ME TO BE HERE THIS EVENING AS PART OF
THIS TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MEMBER OF THE
CONGRESS -- MY GOOD FRIEND AND VALUED
COLLEAGUE, GLENN DAVIS.

ALL OF YOU KNOW WHAT A FINE
FELLOW GLENN IS. THAT'S WHY YOU ARE HERE
TONIGHT. BUT SOME OF YOU PROBABLY DO NOT

Vernon Thomson
Bill Steijn
Harold Fobich



REALIZE THAT HE IS ALSO A REAL COLLECTOR'S
ITEM. GLENN IS ONE OF THE FEW MEN STILL
IN THE CONGRESS WHO CAME TO WASHINGTON
BEFORE I DID. HE WAS ELECTED IN A SPECIAL
ELECTION IN 1947, I WAS ELECTED IN 1948.
SO OUR FRIENDSHIP GOES BACK A QUARTER OF A
CENTURY, AND IT EXISTED EVEN WHILE GLENN
WAS ON A SABBATICAL LEAVE FROM CONGRESS
FROM 1957 TO 1965. WHILE GLENN WAS BACK
IN WAUKESHA TAKING A BREATHING SPELL AND
PRACTICING LAW, I WAS STILL TOILING IN THE
WASHINGTON SALT MINES.



WE ALL MISSED HIM IN WASHINGTON DURING THAT PERIOD AND HIS RE-ELECTION IN 1964 WAS ONE OF THE FEW BRIGHT SPOTS IN A GLOOMY YEAR FOR REPUBLICANS. HE HAS BEEN WITH US EVER SINCE, AND JUDGING FROM THE ENTHUSIASM AND AFFECTION OF THIS CROWD TONIGHT, HE IS GOING TO BE WITH US FOR A LONG TIME TO COME.

AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT ALL OF US -- NOT JUST YOU LUCKY PEOPLE IN THE 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT -- CAN BE THANKFUL FOR. BECAUSE IF THERE EVER WAS A TIME WHEN WE NEEDED STRONG, HONEST MEN OF INTEGRITY IN



WASHINGTON -- MEN LIKE GLENN DAVIS -- THAT
TIME IS NOW.

THE SHIP OF STATE HAS BEEN SAILING
THROUGH SOME VERY CHOPPY WATERS OVER THE
PAST FEW MONTHS. A LOT OF WILD
ACCUSATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, A LOT OF GRAVE
QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED, AND DARK CLOUDS
OF UNCERTAINTY HAVE NOW GATHERED OVER THE
AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM.

IT IS GOING TO TAKE THE BEST IN
ALL OF US TO OVERCOME THIS. IT IS GOING TO
TAKE A SPIRIT OF CANDOR AND CONCILIATION ON
THE PART OF THE CONGRESS, THE PRESIDENT AND



THE PEOPLE.

IT WON'T BE EASY -- BUT I KNOW
IT IS POSSIBLE. WE CAN AND MUST SUCCEED.

TOGETHER WE MUST RESTORE CALM AND
CONFIDENCE TO THE AMERICAN POLITICAL
SYSTEM. TOGETHER WE MUST RESTORE FAITH IN
THE CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY OF PUBLIC
SERVANTS. WE MUST REUNITE THIS GREAT
NATION OF OURS.

WE WILL HAVE OUR SHARE OF
PROBLEMS ALONG THE WAY. ANYONE WHO READS



THE DAILY PAPERS AND WATCHES THE EVENING NEWS DOESN'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT LOSING TRACK OF THEM.

BUT THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN SOME VERY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS -- DEVELOPMENTS THAT SOME OF US MAY HAVE OVERLOOKED IN THE MIDST OF SO MANY PANIC HEADLINES AND SO MANY DRAMATIC INCIDENTS.

IT IS TO SOME OF THE POSITIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RECENT MONTHS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS MYSELF THIS EVENING -- AND TO SOME OF THE FACTUAL AND



SPIRITUAL ASSETS THAT WE AS A PEOPLE HAVE
IN OUR CORNER.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE HAVE AN
AMERICA AT PEACE. THANKS TO THE SKILL AND
COURAGE OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS FOREIGN
POLICY TEAM, WE ARE OUT OF VIETNAM AND ON
THE HIGH ROAD TO A GENERATION OF PEACE --
THE FIRST GENERATION OF PEACE IN AMERICA'S
LONG HISTORY.

Success in Middle-East because:

*1) Strong in military hardware / Firm
in our determination*

*2) Flexibility in
negotiation*

IF THE CURRENT CRISIS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST CAN BE RESOLVED ON TERMS THAT
ARE FAIR TO ALL PARTIES -- A GOAL THAT



PRESIDENT NIXON IS PURSUING WITH GREAT SKILL AND DETERMINATION -- OUR CHANCES FOR LASTING WORLD PEACE SHOULD BE GREATER THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE THE END OF THE NAPOLEONIC WARS SOME 150 YEARS AGO. THIS IS THE BEST POSSIBLE FOUNDATION FOR US TO START BUILDING ON.

SECONDLY, WE HAVE AN ECONOMY THAT IS FUNDAMENTALLY STRONG AND BOUNTIFUL. WE ARE EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS WITH INFLATION, BUT WE SHOULD NOT LET THEM DISGUISE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE WORKING TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE. IF WE CAN CONQUER



Increased production / -9- wage & price / Monetary / Budget

THE FORCES OF INFLATION, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL, WE CAN ENJOY THE FULL FRUITS OF THE GREATEST PROSPERITY THAT MAN HAS EVER KNOWN.

THIRDLY, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBLE, INFORMED PUBLIC. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE BETTER ACCESS TO THE FACTS AND FIGURES OF GOVERNMENT THAN ANY OTHER PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. ^{*thanks to the news media.*} AND WE KNOW FROM PAST EXPERIENCE THAT ¹A FREE AND INFORMED AMERICAN PEOPLE, TIME AND AGAIN, WILL MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION AND FOLLOW THE RIGHT COURSE.



FINALLY, I AM CONVINCED THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBLE MAJORITY OF REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS IN THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO, IN THE CRUCIAL WEEKS AHEAD, ARE GOING TO PUT THEIR COUNTRY AND THEIR PRINCIPLES AHEAD OF ANY NARROW PARTISAN CONSIDERATIONS.

FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS I HAVE LIVED MY LIFE AS A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS. IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE ~~TO LEARN~~ TO KNOW AND LOVE THAT INSTITUTION AND ITS PEOPLE, AND TO TRUST IN ITS COLLECTIVE WISDOM WHENEVER GRAVE ISSUES HAVE HAD TO BE RESOLVED.



I HAVE SEEN THE CONGRESS WORK WITH FIVE DIFFERENT PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN COUNTLESS CRISES -- THE KOREAN WAR, LEBANON, THE BAY OF PIGS, THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, THE MIDDLE EAST, LAOS AND CAMBODIA -- TO NAME JUST A FEW. AND IN EACH CASE, WHEN IT CAME TO THE CRUNCH, A BIPARTISAN MAJORITY PULLED TOGETHER. THE AMERICAN SYSTEM WORKED THEN AND IT IS GOING TO WORK NOW.

I HAVE KNOWN AND RESPECTED RICHARD NIXON FOR AS LONG AS I HAVE SERVED IN THE CONGRESS. AS A FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN



I KNEW DICK NIXON -- THEN IN HIS SECOND TERM IN THE CONGRESS -- YOUNG, ENTHUSIASTIC, EXTREMELY ABLE, AND FULL OF IDEALISM.

I KNEW HIM AS GEN. EISENHOWER'S VICE PRESIDENT. HE WAS A MAN THAT IKE TRUSTED AND RESPECTED AND WHO, DURING IKE'S ILLNESSES, PROVED THAT HE HAD THE STRENGTH AND THE STABILITY TO HANDLE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENCY.

FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING CLOSELY WITH



PRESIDENT NIXON DURING ONE OF THE MOST TRYING PERIODS OF AMERICAN HISTORY -- A PERIOD WHEN HE LED US FROM A LONG AND BLOODY WAR TO PEACE WITH HONOR, A PERIOD WHEN HE LED US FROM RIOT AND ANARCHY AT HOME TO TRANQUILITY AND TO PROSPERITY WITHOUT WAR.

I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN HOW MUCH RICHARD NIXON HAS DONE FOR AMERICA -- AND I DON'T THINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL, EITHER.

BUT THE QUESTION REMAINS. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? WHAT DO WE DO NOW TO



PART THE CLOUDS OVER WASHINGTON AND TO RESTORE FAITH IN OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM AND LEADERSHIP IN THE WAKE OF WATERGATE?

WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN. THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO TURN THE TAPES OVER TO THE COURTS IS PROOF OF HIS GOOD INTENTIONS. ONCE THE EVIDENCE IN THE TAPES IS KNOWN, WE WILL ALSO HAVE PROOF OF WHAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS TOLD US ALL ALONG -- THAT HE IS INNOCENT.

THAT MAY NOT BE ENOUGH TO SATISFY THE SENSATIONALISTS WHO THRIVE ON



CONTROVERSY AND ARE MORE INTERESTED IN
TURMOIL THAN THEY ARE IN BINDING UP THE
NATION'S WOUNDS.

BUT IT IS EVERYTHING THAT ANY
FAIR-MINDED MAN OR WOMAN COULD ASK FOR. LET
US KNOW THE FACTS AND LET THE FACTS SPEAK
FOR THEMSELVES. THE FACTS WILL EXONERATE
RICHARD NIXON.

IN THE LONG RUN, THE REASONABLE
MAJORITY WILL RENDER A FAIR DECISION IN THIS
MATTER. THIS WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE
CONGRESS AND, MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL,



IN THE HEARTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

I AM SINGULARLY PROUD AND HONORED TO HAVE BEEN CALLED ON TO SERVE MY PRESIDENT AND MY COUNTRY IN A NEW CAPACITY AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME. I HAVE FAITH IN BOTH OF THEM.

I BELIEVE IN AMERICA AND I BELIEVE IN RICHARD NIXON.

AND AS VICE PRESIDENT I INTEND TO SERVE THEM BOTH WITH EVERY OUNCE OF STRENGTH AND ABILITY I HAVE AT MY COMMAND.



TODAY WE ARE FACED WITH A CRISIS
IN THE MIDEAST.

IN 1941, DURING ANOTHER GREAT
INTERNATIONAL CRISIS -- A CRISIS THAT CALLED
THE VERY SURVIVAL OF THE FREE WORLD INTO
QUESTION -- WINSTON CHURCHILL SPOKE SOME
ELOQUENT WORDS THAT I THINK BEAR REPEATING
TODAY WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH TALK OF
DARKNESS AND DESPONDENCY.

"DO NOT LET US SPEAK OF DARKER
DAYS," HE SAID, "LET US SPEAK RATHER OF
STERNER DAYS. THESE ARE GREAT DAYS -- THE



GREATEST DAYS OUR COUNTRY HAS EVER LIVED,
AND WE MUST ALL THANK GOD THAT WE HAVE BEEN
ALLOWED, EACH OF US ACCORDING TO OUR
STATIONS, TO PLAY A PART IN MAKING THESE
DAYS MEMORABLE IN THE HISTORY OF OUR
RACE."

I SAY TO YOU THAT THESE, TOO,
ARE NOT DARKER DAYS. THEY ARE DAYS OF
ENORMOUS CHALLENGE, BUT THEY ARE ALSO DAYS
OF IMMENSE POTENTIAL GREATNESS.



WE ARE ON THE THRESHOLD OF A GENERATION OF PEACE. AND THIS IS A TIME WHEN OUR PEOPLE AND OUR GOVERNMENT CAN ACHIEVE GREATNESS IN FIELDS LIKE THE ECONOMY, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF VITAL ISSUES. LET US NOW JOIN TOGETHER TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST. IF WE DO THIS, THEN WE WILL HAVE MADE THESE TROUBLED TIMES A TIME OF GREATNESS THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS WILL THANK US FOR.

THANK YOU.

-- END --



MINORITY LEADER

United States
House of Representatives

PRESS LIST FOR FORD WAUKESHA TRIP

1. Marjorie Hunter.....N.Y. Times
2. George Tames.....N.Y. Times
3. Phil Jones.....CBS-TV
4. Bruce Hoertel....."
5. Robert Huttenloch....."
6. Paul Lewis....."
7. Ron Cordray.....Booth Newsp.'s
of Mich.



REPUBLICAN 9TH DISTRICT DINNER

October 26, 1973



- Welcome and Introduction of
Head Table Guests Ned Howe, Dinner Chairman
- Presentation of Colors Troop 12, Boy Scouts of
America, Oconomowoc
- Pledge of Allegiance The Honorable Robert W. Kasten,
State Senator, District 4
- Invocation Rev. Paul D. Janett,
Principal, Catholic Memorial
High School, Waukesha
- Dinner
- Presentation of Finance Awards. Arthur Shannon, Republican
State Finance Chairman
- Introduction of Congressman
Glenn Davis The Honorable Robert W. Warren,
Attorney General of Wisconsin
- Introduction of Main Speaker Congressman Glenn Davis
- Main Speaker Vice President-Designate
Gerald Ford


DINNER COMMITTEE

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Chairman, Ned Howe | Robert Herzog |
| Co-Chairman, Arthur Shannon | Curtis Manke |
| C. G. (Casey) Andringa | Mrs. Curtis (Gladys) Manke |
| Mrs. Jerome (Pat) Bence | William Reilly |
| William Brenckle | Richard Schilffarth |
| Mrs. Howard (Marge) Haymaker | Thomas Woolley |

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1973
4:30 pm

MEMORANDUM FOR: VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE GERALD FORD
FROM: W. DEWEY CLOWER 
SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT GOP 9TH DISTRICT
CONGRESSIONAL DINNER HONORING
CONGRESSMAN GLENN R. DAVIS
Waukesha, Wisconsin
Friday, October 26, 1973

Attached at Tab A is your schedule for participation in the subject event. Tab B contains your speech.

BACKGROUND

You have accepted an invitation to attend the GOP 9th District Congressional Dinner honoring Congressman Glenn R. Davis. In addition to Congressman & Mrs. Davis and their daughter (Beth), Congressmen Vernon Thomson, William Steiger, and Harold Froehlich will accompany you from Washington to Wisconsin. All will return with you to Washington, with the exception of Congressman Thomson who will remain in Wisconsin.

Congressman & Mrs. Davis will ride with you in your vehicle. Your other guests will ride in a VIP car in the motorcade.

FOUNDER'S CLUB RECEPTION

Membership in this club is gained through contributing \$400 or more annually to the GOP. Club members may invite a guest to attend this reception at the Waukesha Holiday Inn. There will be no formal receiving line.



PRESS CONFERENCE

In order to attend the press conference, you will depart the reception before it concludes. The other Congressmen will be escorted to the Head Table reception when the Founder's Club Reception concludes. You will join them upon completion of your press conference.

HEAD TABLE RECEPTION

This brief gathering is designed to provide a "hold" during which the press can set-up in the banquet hall. It will also allow the head table guests to gather in order to enter the banquet hall together. Those in attendance and sitting at the head table with you are as follows:

Congressman & Mrs. Davis
Congressman Thomson
Congressman Steiger
Congressman Froehlich
Mr. Robert Warren
Mr. Ned Howe
Mr. Art Shannon
Mr. Ody Fish
Mr. Richard Schilffarth
Ms. Ruth McKay
Mr. David Sullivan, Wisconsin GOP Chairman
Rev. Paul D. Janett

CONGRESSMAN GLENN DAVIS SURPRISE BIRTHDAY GIFT

During the course of the introduction of Congressman Davis, he will be presented with two surprise birthday gifts. One item is a recent picture of you and the Congressman. The other is a golden horseshoe, signifying Davis' good luck at being able to get you to come to his dinner.

Born on October 28, 1914, the Congressman will celebrate his 59th birthday on Sunday.



October 25, 1973

3:00 pm

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE



VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE GERALD FORD'S
ATTENDANCE AT THE GOP 9TH DISTRICT
CONGRESSIONAL DINNER HONORING CONGRESSMAN GLENN R. DAVIS

Waukesha, Wisconsin
Friday, October 26, 1973

ATTIRE: Business Suit

WEATHER: Mid 50's, partly
cloudy, 20% chance of
rain, winds light.

3:45 pm (EDT)

ARRIVE Andrews AFB and board Convair

3:50 pm

DEPART Andrews AFB via Convair en route
General Mitchell Field, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

[Flying time: 2 hours, 40 minutes]
[Time change: -1 hour]

On board are:

Congressman & Mrs. Glenn R. Davis
Congressman Vernon Thomson
Congressman William Steiger
Congressman Harold Froehlich
Beth Davis

5:30 pm (CDT)
Advanceman:
Rick Rayle

ARRIVE General Mitchell Field, Milwaukee,
Wisconsin. (Phone: 414/482-0260)

To be met by:

Robert Warren, State Attorney General
Edward W. "Ned" Howe, Waukesha
County GOP Chairman
Art Shannon, State GOP Finance
Chairman
Ody Fish, National Committeeman
Richard Schilffarth, 9th District GOP
Chairman
Ruth McKay, 9th District GOP Vice
Chairman

PRESS PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

5:35 pm

DEPART Airport via motorcade en route
Holiday Inn, Waukesha.

[Driving time: 30 minutes]

6:05 pm

ARRIVE Holiday Inn and proceed to Suite -
Room 402 (Phone: 414/786-1570).

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME

[10 minutes]

6:15 pm

DEPART Suite and proceed to Founder's Club
Reception (Rhine Room).

ARRIVE Founder's Club Reception (Rhine
Room) and meet with guests (Phone: 414/
544-6030).

[ATTENDANCE: 150]

6:45 pm

DEPART Reception and proceed to motorcade
for boarding.

DEPART Holiday Inn via motorcade en route
Waukesha County Exposition Center.

[Driving time: 5 minutes]

NOTE: Congressmen will be escorted
to Exposition Hall upon conclusion of
of the reception.

6:50 pm

ARRIVE Waukesha County Exposition Center
and proceed to Press Conference.

6:55 pm

ARRIVE press conference. (Phone: 414/
544-6050).

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

7:15 pm

Press conference concludes.

DEPART press conference and proceed to
holding room.

ARRIVE holding room for head table reception, including Congressmen.

NOTE: Press will move equipment to banquet room for set-up.

7:28 pm DEPART holding room and proceed to banquet room.

7:30 pm ARRIVE banquet room. All head table guests will proceed, unannounced, onto the platform and be seated.

7:32 pm Welcoming remarks by Ned Howe, Master of Ceremonies.

7:33 pm Introduction of Head Table guests by Ned Howe.

7:38 pm Presentation of Colors (Boy Scouts).

7:40 pm Pledge of Allegiance by State Senator Robert Kasten (R-Wisc.).

7:42 pm Invocation by Rev. Paul Janett, Principal of Catholic Memorial High School.

7:45 pm Dinner served.

8:30 pm Presentation of two Finance Committee Awards.

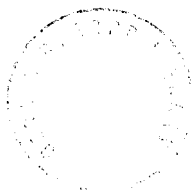
8:35 pm State Attorney General Robert Warren introduces Congressman Glenn Davis.

8:37 pm Congressman Davis remarks.

8:55 pm Congressman Davis remarks conclude and introduction of Vice President-Designate Gerald Ford.

8:55 pm Vice President-Designate Gerald Ford remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE



9:10 pm Remarks conclude.

 9:12 pm Closing remarks by Ned Howe.

9:13 pm DEPART banquet and proceed to motorcade
for boarding.

9:15 pm DEPART Exposition Center via motorcade
en route General Mitchell Field, Milwaukee,
Wisconsin.

[Driving time: 30 minutes]

9:45 pm ARRIVE Airport and board Convair.

9:50 pm DEPART airport via Convair en route
Andrews AFB.

[Flying time: 2 hours, 15 minutes]
[Time change: +1 hour]

On board are:
Congressman & Mrs. Glenn R. Davis
Congressman William Steiger
Congressman Harold Froehlich
Beth Davis

Saturday, October 27
1:10 am (EDT)

ARRIVE Andrews AFB.



FORD- WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP)-VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE REP. GERALD FORD, WHO DISCLAIMS ANY INTEREST IN RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT, HAS JOKED ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL AMBITIONS IN THE PAST.

A BOOK OF COLLECTED SPEECHES PUBLISHED WEDNESDAY BY A SUBURBAN VIRGINIA COMPANY CONTAINS OFF-THE-RECORD COMMENTS FORD MADE IN 1968 AT THE GRIDIRON CLUB IN WASHINGTON. THE DINNER TRADITIONALLY FEATURES POLITICIANS LAMPOONING AND NEEDLING THEIR COLLEAGUES.

FORD WAS QUOTED AS SAYING TO HUBERT HUMPHREY: "LET ME ASSURE THE DISTINGUISHED VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, BEFORE ALL OF YOU, THAT I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO DESIGNS ON HIS JOB.

"HOW MANY OTHERS IN THIS ROOM CAN MAKE THAT STATEMENT?

"I'M SERIOUS. I'M NOT AT ALL INTERESTED IN THE VICE PRESIDENCY.

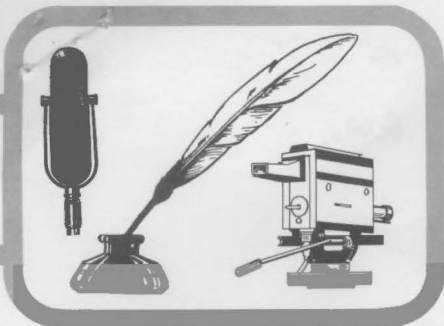
"I LOVE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DESPITE THE LONG, IRREGULAR HOURS.

"SOMETIMES, THOUGH, WHEN IT'S LATE AND I'M TIRED AND HUNGRY - ON THAT LONG DRIVE HOME TO ALEXANDRIA, VA. - AS I GOT PAST 1600 PENNSYLVANIA VENUE, I DO SEEM TO HEAR A LITTLE VOICE SAYING:

"IF YOU LIVED HERE, YOU'D BE HOME NOW."

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CONGRESSMAN
GERALD R. FORD
HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

**NEWS
RELEASE**

FRIDAY
--FOR RELEASE ~~AT 6 P.M. SATURDAY~~
~~September 15, 1973~~
Oct. 26

Excerpts from a speech by Rep. Gerald R. Ford, ~~House Republican Leader, before a regional meeting of American Business Clubs, at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 1973, at the Sheraton Motor Inn, at Spartanburg, S.C.~~ *at a GOP dinner at Waukesha, Wis.*



Something exceedingly good for the country may be happening in Washington.

The Congress may be turning away from confrontation with the President to cooperation with him.

This is a development fervently to be desired, because it is the spirit of confrontation exhibited by the Congress which has produced stalemate of late in this country--far more so than any actions taken by the so-called Watergate Committee.

There is a burning need at present to put partisanship behind us and to dedicate ourselves to the welfare of all the people.

There is a need, too, for honesty and accuracy on the part of the news media if this country is to move forward.

It was not helpful, for instance, for the gentlemen of the press to quote the President as saying Congress's record to date has been "very disappointing" when the President was talking only about Congress's handling of Administration legislation.

The press created a new basis for hostility between the President and the Congress by its treatment of the President's press conference remarks of Sept. 5 when in actuality the President was simply holding out an olive branch and a challenge to the Congress.

The Congress does have a respectable record to date--except on Presidential initiatives. The President cited this record in his State of the Union Message of Sept. 10. He noted that the Congress has enacted a new-approach farm bill, a ground-breaking Federal highway bill, an increase in Social Security benefits, airport development legislation, amendments to the Rural Electrification Act, the Economic Development Administration and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration authorizations, an Older Americans bill, an emergency farm loan bill, a national cemeteries bill, and a medical care bill for veterans.

He also pointed out, however--and every word he spoke hit the mark--that the Congress has much to do before it adjourns if it is to write a truly outstanding

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legislative record this year. ~~At this time,~~ ^{has} the President pledged to work closely with members of Congress to reach the compromises which must be hammered out if major legislation is to become law.

It does not detract from congressional accomplishments to date to emphasize that much remains to be done.

Our first goal must be a balanced budget. This is the major contribution that Congress can make toward the fight against inflation. Every dollar of deficit spending weakens us in the anti-inflation fight. ~~Yet Congress has already enacted programs which would exceed the President's budget by \$2 billion and is considering additional legislation which would add another \$4 billion in deficit spending if passed.~~

Some members of Congress would pad domestic spending and chop the defense budget to make up for it. I am adamantly opposed to slashing defense spending. I will support judicious cuts in military outlays, but to take a meat-axe to the defense budget is to endanger our national security. It would profit us not at all to expand our human resource programs if at the same time we exposed our nation's heart to a fatal thrust.

We must keep our nation militarily strong and we must strengthen our economy. And to build the sinews of our economy we must pass sound trade reform legislation, impose controls on exports of food and other products where necessary, and provide authority for selling those materials in our national stockpile which are no longer needed for national security. Tax reform is another concern--a concern which demands that we provide older Americans with property tax relief.

Another matter of top priority is the energy crisis. We must act swiftly to get the Alaskan pipeline project moving, pass legislation to facilitate construction of deepwater ports capable of off-loading large oil tankers, deregulate natural gas, lay down reclamation standards which make possible expanded coal mining, and reorganize the Federal energy effort under a new, independent Energy Research and Development Administration. We must also encourage the establishment of nuclear power plants by streamlining power plant siting procedures while fully protecting the public safety and environment.

Human resource needs demand our attention. There must be fresh new approaches to problems in the fields of education, housing, welfare administration, manpower training, pensions and health care.

The Administration's proposals in these areas are worthy of the closest possible scrutiny and should not be ignored. They hold the promise of progress toward better schools and better communities. They are building blocks in the fashioning of a better America. Congress would do well to work with the Administration in the human resource areas--and abandon the tactics of confrontation which sullied its performance earlier this year.



REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE GERALD R. FORD
AT A TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR CONGRESSMAN GLENN DAVIS
SPONSORED BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF WISCONSIN'S NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
AT THE WAUKESHA COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN
7:30 P.M., CDT, OCTOBER 26, 1973



Advance for release on delivery
expected at 8:55 p.m., CDT.

It is a pleasure and a privilege for me to be here this evening as part of this tribute to a great Member of the Congress -- my good friend and valued colleague, Glenn Davis.

All of you know what a fine fellow Glenn is. That's why you are here tonight. But some of you probably do not realize that he is also a real collector's item. Glenn is one of the few men still in the Congress who came to Washington before I did. He was elected in a special election in 1947; I was elected in 1948. So our friendship goes back a quarter of a century, and it existed even while Glenn was on a sabbatical leave from Congress from 1957 to 1965. While Glenn was back in Waukesha taking a breathing spell and practicing law, I was still toiling in the Washington salt mines.

We all missed him in Washington during that period and his re-election in 1964 was one of the few bright spots in a gloomy year for Republicans. He has been with us ever since, and judging from the enthusiasm and affection of this crowd tonight, he is going to be with us for a long time to come.

And that is something that all of us -- not just you lucky people in the 9th Congressional District -- can be thankful for. Because if there ever was a time when we needed strong, honest men of integrity in Washington -- men like Glenn Davis -- that time is now.

The Ship of State has been sailing through some very choppy waters over the past few months. A lot of wild accusations have been made, a lot of grave questions have been raised, and dark clouds of uncertainty have now gathered over the American political system.

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It is going to take the best in all of us to overcome this. It is going to take a spirit of candor and conciliation on the part of the Congress, the President and the people.

It won't be easy -- but I know it is possible. We can and must succeed.

Together we must restore calm and confidence to the American political system. Together we must restore faith in the character and integrity of public servants. We must reunite this great Nation of ours.

We will have our share of problems along the way. Anyone who reads the daily papers and watches the evening news doesn't need to worry about losing track of them.

But there have also been some very important developments -- developments that some of us may have overlooked in the midst of so many panic headlines and so many dramatic incidents.

It is to some of the positive accomplishments of recent months that I would like to address myself this evening -- and to some of the factual and spiritual assets that we as a people have in our corner.

First and foremost, we have an America at peace. Thanks to the skill and courage of President Nixon and his foreign policy team, we are out of Vietnam and on the high road to a generation of peace -- the first generation of peace in America's long history.

If the current crisis in the Middle East can be resolved on terms that are fair to all parties -- a goal that President Nixon is pursuing with great skill and determination -- our chances for lasting world peace should be greater than at any time since the end of the Napoleonic wars some 150 years ago. This is the best possible foundation for us to start building on.

Secondly, we have an economy that is fundamentally strong and bountiful. We are experiencing problems with inflation, but we should not let them disguise the fact that we have more people working today at higher wages than ever before. If we can conquer the forces of inflation, and I am confident that we will, we can enjoy the full fruits of the greatest prosperity that man has ever known.

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Thirdly, we have a responsible, informed public. The American people have better access to the facts and figures of government than any other people in the world. And we know from past experience that a free and informed American people, time and again, will make the right decision and follow the right course.

Finally, I am convinced that we have a responsible majority of Republicans and Democrats in the Senate and the House of Representatives who, in the crucial weeks ahead, are going to put their country and their principles ahead of any narrow partisan considerations.

For twenty-five years I have lived my life as a Member of the Congress. It has been my privilege to learn to know and love that institution and its people, and to trust in its collective wisdom whenever grave issues have had to be resolved.

I have seen the Congress work with five different Presidents of the United States in countless crises -- the Korean War, Lebanon, the Bay of Pigs, the Cuban missile crisis, the Middle East, Laos and Cambodia -- to name just a few. And in each case, when it came to the crunch, a bipartisan majority pulled together. The American system worked then and it is going to work now.

I have known and respected Richard Nixon for as long as I have served in the Congress. As a freshman Congressman I knew Dick Nixon -- then in his second term in the Congress -- young, enthusiastic, extremely able, and full of idealism.

I knew him as Gen. Eisenhower's Vice President. He was a man that Ike trusted and respected and who, during Ike's illnesses, proved that he had the strength and the stability to handle the responsibilities of the Presidency.

For the past five years, I have had the privilege of working closely with President Nixon during one of the most trying periods of American history -- a period when he led us from a long and bloody war to peace with honor; a period when he led us from riot and anarchy at home to tranquility and to prosperity without war.

I have not forgotten how much Richard Nixon has done for America -- and I don't think the American people will, either.

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But the question remains. Where do we go from here? What do we do now to part the clouds over Washington and to restore faith in our political system and leadership in the wake of Watergate?

We have already begun. The President's decision to turn the tapes over to the courts is proof of his good intentions. Once the evidence in the tapes is known, we will also have proof of what President Nixon has told us all along -- that he is innocent.

That may not be enough to satisfy the sensationalists who thrive on controversy and are more interested in turmoil than they are in binding up the Nation's wounds.

But it is everything that any fair-minded man or woman could ask for. Let us know the facts and let the facts speak for themselves. The facts will exonerate Richard Nixon.

In the long run, the reasonable majority will render a fair decision in this matter. This will be reflected in the Congress and, most important of all, in the hearts of the American people.

I am singularly proud and honored to have been called on to serve my President and my country in a new capacity at this crucial time. I have faith in both of them.

I believe in America and I believe in Richard Nixon.

And as Vice President I intend to serve them both with every ounce of strength and ability I have at my command.

Today we are faced with a crisis in the Mideast.

In 1941, during another great international crisis -- a crisis that called the very survival of the free world into question -- Winston Churchill spoke some eloquent words that I think bear repeating today when there is so much talk of darkness and despondency.

"Do not let us speak of darker days," he said, "let us speak rather of sterner days. These are great days -- the greatest days our country has ever lived; and we must all thank

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God that we have been allowed, each of us according to our stations, to play a part in making these days memorable in the history of our race."

I say to you that these, too, are not darker days. They are days of enormous challenge, but they are also days of immense potential greatness.

We are on the threshold of a generation of peace. And this is a time when our people and our government can achieve greatness in fields like the economy, the environment, and the whole spectrum of vital issues. Let us now join together to restore confidence and trust. If we do this, then we will have made these troubled times a time of greatness that future generations of Americans will thank us for.

Thank you.

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