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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS

DEDICATION OF BROCK HOUSE, OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT.

I'M ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO RENEW MY ACQUAINTANCE

WITH MARGARET BROCK. MARGARET HAS BEEN ONE OF THE GUIDING

LIGHTS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR MANY YEARS.

SHE APPROPRIATELY HAS BEEN CALLED "MRS. REPUBLICAN OF

CALIFORNIA."

BUT SHE IS MUCH MORE THAN AN OUTSTANDING REPUBLICAN.

SHE HAS BEEN A GREAT ADVOCATE -- AND A GREAT ACTIVIST -- IN A  
WIDE VARIETY OF CIVIC AND CHARITABLE CAUSES.

NO CAUSE IS DEARER TO HER HEART THAN PEPPERDINE  
UNIVERSITY AND ITS WONDERFUL STUDENT BODY.

SHE SPENDS A GREAT DEAL OF HER TIME WITH STUDENTS --

MAYBE THAT'S WHAT KEEPS HER SO YOUNG -- AND SHE TAKES A

PERSONAL INTEREST IN EACH OF THEM.

ON MANY OCCASIONS, WHEN AN IMPORTANT NATIONAL  
FIGURE IS IN THIS AREA FOR A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT, I UNDERSTAND  
MARGARET WILL PURCHASE TICKETS FOR A TABLE AT THE EVENT AND FILL  
IT WITH STUDENTS WHO OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

I ALSO UNDERSTAND SHE HAS ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL FUND  
TO HELP PROMISING STUDENTS WHO NEED FINANCIAL AID TO COMPLETE  
THEIR EDUCATION HERE AT PEPPERDINE.

MARGARET BROCK IS A REMARKABLE WOMAN. I KNOW  
HOW PLEASED SHE MUST BE TO SEE THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME COME TO LIFE  
WITH BILL AND GAY AND THE FOUR BOYS.

MARGARET, YOU HAVE MADE AN OUTSTANDING  
CONTRIBUTION TO THIS UNIVERSITY AND TO THE SCENERY OF  
MALIBU BEACH.



FRANKLY, I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT PEPPERDINE  
IS DOING -- ABOUT ITS PROGRESS OVER NEARLY FORTY YEARS,  
ABOUT ITS COMMITMENTS TO EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION, ABOUT  
ITS MISSION TO INSTILL THE SOUND PRINCIPLES IN 8,000 VERY FINE  
YOUNG PEOPLE.

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I AM DELIGHTED TO JOIN IN THIS DEDICATION --  
TO BE IN CALIFORNIA AND TO SHARE PART OF THIS DAY WITH YOU.

THANK YOU.

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