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**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: MAJOR DONORS, Richmond, Virginia**
**Friday, Nov. 3, 1989, 11:30 p.m.**

It's a pleasure to back among so many of my Virginia friends. ((Congressman Tom Bliley, thanks to you for all you've done; you're giving the people of the Third Congressional District every reason to be proud -- ((other acknowledgements to come.)) ))

((Let me start with a bit of news. President Gorbachev insisted our December meeting should be held on a ship. Some people will go to any lengths to get fishing tips.))

((Actually, with the exception of my catching a fish on the last day of my vacation, the greatest comeback of the year will be right here -- in Virginia -- when we win back the governor's mansion.))\\

Today, I see before me a core group of Virginia leaders; men and women who are not content to just passively support a candidate, but who are activists in the service of a great cause. I could not come to Richmond today without thanking you for your support and your leadership.

Of course, I haven't come to Richmond today to read faces or tea leaves. But I have come to support a candidate who is running, and running strong, to lead Virginia into the 1990s.

I am here to return the support of someone who stood by me last year, someone who has emerged as a great leader for the Old Dominion -- **the next governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia -- Marshall Coleman.** \\\

Soldier, father, businessman, statesman -- Marshall has been seasoned and tested as a leader. He is a man of impressive accomplishments and unusual courage. And he is the **right** man to occupy the chair of Thomas Jefferson, the governor's chair in Richmond.

Marshall is right on taxes. Virginians have endured one tax increase after another -- five in the last four years alone. But only one candidate will stand tough against higher taxes -- **Marshall Coleman.**

He is right on education. Only one candidate for governor has a comprehensive plan to improve education, to deliver better pay for better teachers, and give parents **choice** for their children's schooling -- **Marshall Coleman.**

And he is right on crime. Only one candidate is endorsed by the Virginia Fraternal Order of Police and has an unwavering stand in favor of the death penalty -- **again, it is Marshall Coleman.**

From his Marine days, to his service as a delegate, state senator and attorney-general, Marshall has always been a trailblazer. He sued to keep Virginia's rivers clear and clean. He has devised a plan to save and protect the Chesapeake Bay. All this adds up to a vision of a greater Virginia; a greater

place to work, prosper and raise kids; a vision that is the hallmark of a leader.

Marshall is also leading a strong and impressive Republican ticket. State Senator Eddy ((ED-dee)) Dalton will make a great lieutenant-governor, and a great leader in our war on drugs. And Joe Benedetti, as attorney-general, will bring Virginia back to the days when the handcuffs were on the criminals, not on the courts.

America has prospered under Republican Administrations for eight and a half years. Imagine how well Virginia will do in the future if it is led by a Republican team.

The election is four days away. Whether the next decade will bring promise and opportunity to Virginia depends on our will to win. It hinges on which side gets out the vote. It comes down to grit and determination.

But I know, from meeting you, that courage and persistence will win out. George Patton, a great general, and a son of this Commonwealth, said: "Accept the challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory." With your leadership, we can -- **we will** -- win a victory for the Old Dominion.

Once again, I thank you for all that you have done. God bless you, God bless Virginia and the United States.

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