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TEXT OF REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT IOWANS FOR TAUKE FUNDRAISING DINNER

Des Moines Convention Center
Des Moines, Iowa

Friday, December 8, 1989

I'm delighted to be here to salute a man who embodies values of hard work, honesty, and strength of character. He has been an exceptional Congressman. He will make an exceptional United States Senator. His name is Tom Tauke -- and he deserves our support.

You and I both know why -- look at his background: Reporter, attorney, elected to the Iowa Legislature and six times to the U.S. House of Representatives. Look at his record. He has fought for the family, the taxpayer, the farmer -- the working people of Iowa. Helping to build better education -- and better rural health care -- for a State whose best still lies ahead.

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You better believe we want to do nationally what you have done locally. So we've made education reform one of our top priorities -- proposing legislation to give greater choice to parents and students, reward excellence, and demand greater accountability. Tom Tauke has championed those proposals.

I'm also grateful to Governor Branstad for his leadership with the Governors. He was a stalwart advocate for a better education for America's children at our recent Education Summit.

Next, let me talk for a moment about agricultural policy and farm bills. Four years ago, Tom helped pass a pioneering farm bill to help a whole community in crisis. And today, farm income is near record levels, and exports have dramatically increased since 1986. Most good land has been brought back into production. And about 30 million acres of fragile land have been semi-permanently retired.

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THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*

SUBJECT: REMARKS AT FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR TOM TAUKE

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((Jim Lightfoot, you'll remember this: Last year you and I were riding in the Vice-Presidential car near Red Oak, when the portable telephone rang. Naturally, I think it's the boss. So I pick it up. Would you believe it was a wrong number?)) //

((Then, there was the time when I stood in Roy Keppy's corn crib and had corn chaff rain on my parade. // Sometimes, I think I've held more baby pigs than kids in Iowa. // Or how about all those wonderful trips in a small twin engine plane. That's the great thing about Air Force One: It has a little more leg room.)) //

~~((And who could forget all those great home-cooked meals from Denison to Des Moines to Dubuque? You've treated me as a friend -- even more, you've treated me as family.))~~

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((Now Tom, of course, would downplay each of these accomplishments. After all, that's the Iowa way: Modest and understated. I'm reminded of how a noted comedian -- no, not Fred Grandy -- once bought a chicken farm. A friend was astonished. "Do you know anything about breeding chickens?" he asked. "No," the comedian replied, "but the chickens do.")) //

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GOVERNOR BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR RAY, CONGRESSMEN LEACH,
LIGHTFOOT, AND GRANDY, CHAIRMAN ATWATER, RICH SCHWARM,
DAVID OMAN, JOHN RUAN, GWEN BOEKE [BO KEY], STEVE
ROBERTS, GEORGE WITTGRAF, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

THANK YOU, TOM, FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION. IT IS
A PLEASURE TO BE BACK IN DES MOINES. ((AND WITH DINNER
WAITING, I PROMISE NOT TO KEEP YOU. AFTER ALL, I HAVE
TO ATTEND ONE OF THOSE FAMOUS IOWA COMING-OUT
PARTIES.)) //

((HOWEVER BRIEFLY, I'M GLAD TONIGHT TO RENEW OLD
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LOOKING AROUND THIS ROOM, OF COURSE, ALL SORTS OF MEMORIES AFFIRM THOSE WORDS. ((I THINK OF DRINKING LEMONADE ON CHARLOTTE MOHR'S FRONT LAWN. OR SHOOTING HOOPS -- NEITHER PRUDENTLY NOR CAUTIOUSLY -- IN JANET METCALF'S NEIGHBORHOOD IN URBANDALE. OR HOW YOU NEVER FAILED ME WHEN I ASKED FOR COFFEE IN THE MORNING, COFFEE IN THE EVENING, COFFEE AT SUPPERTIME.)) //

((JIM LIGHTFOOT, YOU'LL REMEMBER THIS: TWO YEARS AGO, YOU AND I WERE RIDING IN THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CAR NEAR RED OAK, WHEN THE PORTABLE TELEPHONE RANG. NATURALLY, I THINK IT'S THE BOSS. SO I PICK IT UP. WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT WAS A WRONG NUMBER?)) //

((THEN, THERE WAS THE TIME WHEN I STOOD IN ROY KEPPY'S CORN CRIB AND HAD CORN CHAFF RAIN ON MY PARADE. // SOMETIMES, I THINK I'VE HELD MORE BABY PIGS THAN KIDS IN IOWA. // OR HOW ABOUT ALL THOSE WONDERFUL TRIPS IN A SMALL TWIN ENGINE PLANE. THAT'S THE GREAT THING ABOUT AIR FORCE ONE: IT HAS A LITTLE MORE LEG ROOM.)) //

WITH MEMORIES LIKE THESE, YOU CAN SEE WHY I FEEL CLOSE TO IOWA. AND WHY I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TO SALUTE A MAN WHO EMBODIES ITS VALUES OF HARD WORK, HONESTY, AND STRENGTH OF CHARACTER. HE HAS BEEN AN EXCEPTIONAL CONGRESSMAN. HE WILL MAKE AN EXCEPTIONAL UNITED STATES SENATOR. HIS NAME IS TOM TAUKE -- AND HE DESERVES OUR SUPPORT. //

SINCE THEN, I'M GLAD TO REPORT, UNITY HAS BEEN RESTORED TO THE TAUKE HOUSEHOLD. JUST LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO UNITE TO SEND TOM TO THE U.S. SENATE.

~~I SAY THAT BECAUSE I KNOW YOU: THE SAME FOLKS WHO HELPED ME ARE GOING TO HELP HIM. AND BECAUSE OF HIS~~
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BACKGROUND: REPORTER, ATTORNEY, ELECTED TO THE IOWA LEGISLATURE AND SIX TIMES TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. *LOOK AT HIS RECORD.* HE HAS FOUGHT FOR THE FAMILY, THE TAXPAYER, THE FARMER -- THE WORKING PEOPLE OF IOWA. HELPING TO BUILD BETTER EDUCATION -- AND BETTER RURAL HEALTH CARE -- FOR A STATE WHOSE BEST STILL LIES AHEAD. //

((SPEAKING OF FAMILY, TOM, I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I TELL THIS STORY. BARBARA AND I WERE AT A FUNDRAISER IN CEDAR RAPIDS. WHEN TOM CAME UP WITH AN IDEA: HE ASKED BEV TO GIVE THEIR TWO-WEEK-OLD BABY A BETTER VIEW BY BRINGING HIM TO THE HEAD TABLE.))

((SO BEV DID, AND WITH THAT LITTLE JOSEPH -- LEANING INTO THE MICROPHONE -- STARTED CRYING. WHICH BROUGHT BARBARA -- LIKE THE FORT DODGE CAVALRY -- CHARGING TO THE RESCUE. "GIVE ME THE BABY," SHE SAID TO TOM. "YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT CONTOUR." YOU GUESSED IT: THE BABY DIDN'T MAKE ANOTHER SOUND.)) //

LIKE ALL OF YOU, I'VE SEEN TOM TAKE UP-CLOSE AND PERSONAL. I ADMIRE HIM ENORMOUSLY. WE NEED HIM IN THE SENATE. THERE, HE CAN SERVE ALL OF IOWA, AND HELP IOWA SERVE THE NATION. THERE, HE CAN HELP ENSURE PROSPERITY AT HOME -- AND PEACE ABROAD.

AS YOU KNOW, LAST WEEK I MET WITH CHAIRMAN GORBACHEV OFF THE COAST OF MALTA. WE TALKED ABOUT THE POWER OF FREEDOM TO DISMANTLE WALLS BETWEEN NATIONS. AND AGREED THAT WE MUST SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A GENERATION OF PEACE. FROM MALTA CAME INITIATIVES TO NURTURE EUROPE'S TIDE TOWARD DEMOCRACY, ACCELERATE ARMS CONTROL, AND EXPAND TRADE. AND IN THAT CONTEXT, LET ME REPEAT MY GOAL TO GRANT MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS TO THE SOVIET UNION BY THE 1990 SUMMIT. THIS WILL RELAX TRADE BARRIERS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST -- EXPANDING MARKETS FOR AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER EXPORTS. WE NEED SENATORS WHO WILL HELP AMERICA MOVE BEYOND CONTAINMENT TOWARD A EUROPE THAT IS WHOLE AND FREE. TOM TAUKE WILL DO THAT. //

THEN, THERE'S THE PROSPERITY WHICH HAS MEANT OVER 20 MILLION NEW JOBS SINCE 1982. PROSPERITY WHICH RESULTS FROM LOWER TAXES, RESPONSIBLE SPENDING, AND LOWER INTEREST RATES. THIS JULY TOM TAUKE WAS ONE OF ONLY 23 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO BE HONORED BY THE NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION. I NEED HIM IN THE SENATE TO KEEP TAXES DOWN.

YET PROSPERITY MEANS LITTLE IF OUR KIDS AREN'T FREE FROM DRUGS. SO WE HAVE UNVEILED A COMPREHENSIVE DRUG STRATEGY TO STOP USE BEFORE IT BEGINS. TOM TAUKE SUPPORTS OUR STRATEGY. HE KNOWS THAT WE HAVE NOT SPENT 213 YEARS DEFENDING OUR DEMOCRACY FROM THE TYRANNY OF OPPRESSION -- ONLY TO LOSE IT TO THE TYRANNY OF CRACK AND COCAINE.

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I'M ALSO GRATEFUL TO GOVERNOR BRANSTAD FOR HIS LEADERSHIP WITH THE GOVERNORS. HE WAS A STALWART ADVOCATE FOR A BETTER EDUCATION FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN AT OUR RECENT EDUCATION SUMMIT.

NEXT, LET ME TALK FOR A MOMENT ABOUT AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND FARM BILLS. FOUR YEARS AGO, TOM HELPED PASS A PIONEERING FARM BILL TO HELP A WHOLE COMMUNITY IN CRISIS. AND TODAY, FARM INCOME IS NEAR RECORD LEVELS, AND EXPORTS HAVE DRAMATICALLY INCREASED SINCE 1986. MOST GOOD LAND HAS BEEN BROUGHT BACK INTO PRODUCTION. AND ABOUT 30 MILLION ACRES OF FRAGILE LAND HAVE BEEN SEMI-PERMANENTLY RETIRED.

AND MANY OF YOU KNOW, TOM TAUKE HAS ALREADY BEEN OUT FRONT IN OUR EFFORT TO PROMOTE ETHANOL AS ALTERNATIVE FUEL. THAT'S GOOD FOR AGRICULTURE ~~FARMERS~~ AND GOOD FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT.

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ALL OF THIS MEANS GOOD NEWS FOR FARMERS AND TAXPAYERS. FOR UNDER THE 1985 FARM BILL, AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM COSTS HAVE FALLEN BY MORE THAN HALF. LET'S REMEMBER THAT NEXT YEAR AS WE WRITE NEW FARM LEGISLATION. TOM TAUKE WILL MAKE A GOOD BILL EVEN BETTER.

FINALLY, AS I SAID IN DES MOINES DURING LAST YEAR'S CAUCUSES, WE KNOW THAT MEDICARE HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN FAIR TO RURAL HOSPITALS. SO OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS WELCOMED NEW LEGISLATION TO CREATE MORE EQUITABLE PAYMENTS BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS. TOM TAUKE FOUNDED AND CO-CHAIRS THE RURAL HEALTH CARE COALITION WHICH HELPED DRAFT THIS LEGISLATION. I NEED HIM IN THE SENATE TO MAKE HEALTH CARE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE OF RURAL AMERICA.

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REMARKS: The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE: _____

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THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*

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RESPONSE: *Chris -*

No problem on this one.

*-David Tell
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INFORMATION

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THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*

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Branstad, Governor Ray, Congressmen Leach, Lightfoot, and Grandy,
Chairman Atwater, Rich Schwarm, David Oman, John Ruan, Gwen
Boeke, Steve Roberts, George Wittgraf, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank you, Tom, for that kind introduction. It is a
pleasure to be back in Des Moines. ((And with dinner waiting, I
promise not to keep you. After all, I have to attend one of
those famous Iowa coming-out parties.)) //

((However briefly, I'm glad tonight to renew old
acquaintances. And to return to a State whose people have been
called -- quote, unquote -- "clean, brave, thrifty, reverent,
loyal, [and] honest." // Just goes to show you: Even The
Washington Post is sometimes right.)) //

Looking around this room, of course, all sorts of memories
affirm those words. ((I think of drinking lemonade on Charlotte
Mohr's front lawn. Or shooting hoops -- neither prudently nor
cautiously -- ^{at} Janet Metcalf's neighborhood in Urbandale. Or
how you never failed me when I asked for coffee in the morning,
coffee in the evening, coffee at suppertime.)) //

2 yrs. ago

((Jim Lightfoot, you'll remember this: ~~Last year~~ you and I were riding in the Vice-Presidential car near Red Oak, when the portable telephone rang. Naturally, I think it's the boss. So I pick it up. Would you believe it was a wrong number?)) //

((Then, there was the time when I stood in Roy Keppy's corn crib and had corn chaff rain on my parade. // Sometimes, I think I've held more baby pigs than kids in Iowa. // Or how about all those wonderful trips in a small twin engine plane. That's the great thing about Air Force One: It has a little more leg room.)) //

((And who could forget all those great home-cooked meals from Denison to Des Moines to Dubuque? You've treated me as a friend -- even more, you've treated me as family.))

With memories like these, you can see why I'm so fond of Iowa. And why I'm delighted to be here to salute a man who embodies its values of hard work, honesty, and strength of character. He has been an exceptional Congressman. He will make an exceptional United States Senator. His name is Tom Tauke -- and he deserves our support. //

((You know, Tom has done a lot on my behalf. I'll never forget how as a first-term Congressman, he endorsed me before the Iowa caucuses in 1980. Or just think of 1988. While Tom was supporting me in the Iowa ^{caucuses} ~~primaries~~, his wife Beverly was supporting Bob Dole. Tom knew that politics makes strange bedfellows -- but he didn't know it meant sleeping in the garage.)) //

Since then, I'm glad to report, unity has been restored to the Tauke household. Just like you're going to unite to send Tom to the U.S. Senate.

I say that because I know you: The same folks who helped me are going to help him. And because of his background: Reporter, attorney, elected to the Iowa Legislature and six times to the U.S. House of Representatives. He has fought for the family, the taxpayer, the farmer -- the working people of Iowa. Helping to build better education -- and better rural health care -- for a State whose best still lies ahead. //

((Speaking of family, Tom, I hope you don't mind if I tell this story. Barbara and I were at a fundraiser in Cedar Rapids. When Tom came up with an idea: He asked Bev to give their two-week-old baby a better view by bringing him to the head table.))

((So Bev did, and with that little Joseph -- leaning into the microphone -- started crying. Which brought Barbara -- like the Fort Dodge cavalry -- charging to the rescue. "Give me the baby," she said to Tom. "You don't have the right contour." You guessed it: The baby didn't make another sound.)) //

Like all of you, I've seen Tom Tauke up-close and personal. I admire him enormously. We need him in the Senate. There, he can serve all of Iowa, and help Iowa serve the Nation. There, he can help ensure prosperity at home -- and peace abroad.

As you know, last week I met with Chairman Gorbachev off the coast of Malta. We talked about the power of freedom to dismantle walls between Nations. And agreed that we must seize

the opportunity to build a generation of peace. From Malta came initiatives to nurture Europe's tide toward democracy, accelerate arms control, and expand economic trade. And in that context, let me repeat my goal to grant Most Favored Nation status to the Soviet Union by the 1990 Summit. This will relax trade barriers between East and West -- expanding markets for American agricultural exports. We need Senators who will help America move beyond containment toward a Europe that is whole and free. Tom Tauke will do that. //

Then, there's the prosperity which has meant over 20 million new jobs since 1982. Prosperity which results from lower taxes, responsible spending, and lower interest rates. This July Tom Tauke was one of only 23 members of Congress to be honored by the National Taxpayers Union. I need him in the Senate to keep taxes down.

Yet prosperity means little if our kids aren't free from drugs. So we have unveiled a comprehensive drug strategy to stop use before it begins. Tom Tauke supports our strategy. He knows that we have not spent 213 years defending our democracy from the tyranny of oppression -- only to lose it to the tyranny of crack and cocaine.

You know, a writer once said of Iowa: "This is top-choice America, America cut thick and prime." Peace, prosperity, and an end to drugs are goals worthy of "top-choice Americans." And so are other issues which concern every Iowan.

For example, we want to make America's educational system No. 1 in the world again. Consider that Iowa can boast the third-highest percentage rate of high-school graduates in the country. And you're number one -- all alone -- in ACTs, American College Testing.

You better believe we want to do nationally what you have done locally. So we've made education reform one of our top priorities -- proposing legislation to give greater choice to parents and students, reward excellence, and demand greater accountability. Tom Tauke has championed these proposals.

Next, let me talk for a moment about agricultural policy and farm bills. Four years ago, Tom helped pass a pioneering farm bill to help a whole community in crisis. And today, farm income is near record levels, and exports have ^{dramatically increased} ~~doubled~~ since 1986. Most good land has been brought back into production. And about 30 million acres of fragile land have been semi-permanently retired.

All of this means good news for farmers and taxpayers. For under the 1985 farm bill, agricultural program costs have fallen by more than half. Let's remember that next year as we write new farm legislation. Tom Tauke will make a good bill even better.

Caucuses ~~campaign~~ ^{Caucuses} Finally, as I said in Des Moines during last year's campaign, we know that Medicare hasn't always been fair to rural hospitals. So our Administration has proposed legislation to create more equitable payments between urban and rural areas. Tom Tauke founded and chairs the Rural Health Care Coalition which helped draft this legislation. I need him in the Senate to

make health care affordable and accessible to the people of Rural America.

((Now Tom, of course, would downplay each of these accomplishments. After all, that's the Iowa way: Modest and understated. I'm reminded of how a noted comedian -- no, not Fred Grandy -- once bought a chicken farm. A friend was astonished. "Do you know anything about breeding chickens?" he asked. "No," the comedian replied, "but the chickens do.")) //

Well, Tom Tauke knows Iowa. From the banks of the Mississippi to the bluffs of the Missouri. His values reflect the greatness of Iowa. And his life embodies the spirit of Iowa: The spirit of "America-Can," not "Washington-Must." //

So let's remember that Tom has been there for us. And pledge that we'll be there for him -- supporting him all the way. Thank you for this wonderful evening. God bless you. God bless the United States of America. And let's make Tom Tauke the next Senator from the great State of Iowa.

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Steph B.

TAUKE FUNDRAISER
DES MOINES, IOWA
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1989
7:15 P.M.

TOM AND BEVERLY, DR. BENNETT, SENATOR GRASSLEY,
GOVERNOR BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR RAY, CONGRESSMEN LEACH,
LIGHTFOOT, AND GRANDY, CHAIRMAN ATWATER, RICH SCHWARM,
DAVID OMAN, JOHN RUAN, GWEN BOEKE [BO KEY], STEVE
ROBERTS, GEORGE WITTGRAF, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

THANK YOU, TOM, FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION. IT IS
A PLEASURE TO BE BACK IN DES MOINES. ((AND WITH DINNER
WAITING, I PROMISE NOT TO KEEP YOU. AFTER ALL, I HAVE
TO ATTEND ONE OF THOSE FAMOUS IOWA COMING-OUT
PARTIES.)) //

((HOWEVER BRIEFLY, I'M GLAD TONIGHT TO RENEW OLD
ACQUAINTANCES. AND TO RETURN TO A STATE WHOSE PEOPLE
HAVE BEEN CALLED -- QUOTE, UNQUOTE -- "CLEAN, BRAVE,
THRIFTY, REVERENT, LOYAL, [AND] HONEST." // JUST GOES
TO SHOW YOU: EVEN THE WASHINGTON POST IS SOMETIMES
RIGHT.)) //

LOOKING AROUND THIS ROOM, OF COURSE, ALL SORTS OF MEMORIES AFFIRM THOSE WORDS. ((I THINK OF DRINKING LEMONADE ON CHARLOTTE MOHR'S FRONT LAWN. OR SHOOTING HOOPS -- NEITHER PRUDENTLY NOR CAUTIOUSLY -- IN JANET METCALF'S NEIGHBORHOOD IN URBANDALE. OR HOW YOU NEVER FAILED ME WHEN I ASKED FOR COFFEE IN THE MORNING, COFFEE IN THE EVENING, COFFEE AT SUPPERTIME.)) //

((JIM LIGHTFOOT, YOU'LL REMEMBER THIS: TWO YEARS AGO, YOU AND I WERE RIDING IN THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CAR NEAR RED OAK, WHEN THE PORTABLE TELEPHONE RANG. NATURALLY, I THINK IT'S THE BOSS. SO I PICK IT UP. WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT WAS A WRONG NUMBER?)) //

((THEN, THERE WAS THE TIME WHEN I STOOD IN ROY KEPPY'S CORN CRIB AND HAD CORN CHAFF RAIN ON MY PARADE. // SOMETIMES, I THINK I'VE HELD MORE BABY PIGS THAN KIDS IN IOWA. // OR HOW ABOUT ALL THOSE WONDERFUL TRIPS IN A SMALL TWIN ENGINE PLANE. THAT'S THE GREAT THING ABOUT AIR FORCE ONE: IT HAS A LITTLE MORE LEG ROOM.)) //

WITH THE MEMORIES LIKE THESE, YOU CAN SEE WHY I FEEL CLOSE TO IOWA. AND WHY I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TO SALUTE A MAN WHO EMBODIES ITS VALUES OF HARD WORK, HONESTY, AND STRENGTH OF CHARACTER. HE HAS BEEN AN EXCEPTIONAL CONGRESSMAN. HE WILL MAKE AN EXCEPTIONAL UNITED STATES SENATOR. HIS NAME IS TOM TAUKE -- AND HE DESERVES OUR SUPPORT.

YOU AND I BOTH KNOW WHY -- LOOK AT HIS BACKGROUND: REPORTER, ATTORNEY, ELECTED TO THE IOWA LEGISLATURE AND SIX TIMES TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. LOOK AT HIS RECORD. HE HAS FOUGHT FOR THE FAMILY, THE TAXPAYER, THE FARMER -- THE WORKING PEOPLE OF IOWA. HELPING TO BUILD BETTER EDUCATION -- AND BETTER RURAL HEALTH CARE, -- FOR A STATE WHOSE BEST STILL LIES AHEAD. //

((SPEAKING OF FAMILY, TOM, I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I TELL THIS STORY. BARBARA AND I WERE AT A FUNDRAISER IN CEDAR RAPIDS. WHEN TOM CAME UP WITH AN IDEA: HE ASKED BEV TO GIVE THEIR TWO-WEEK-OLD BABY A BETTER VIEW BY BRINGING HIM TO THE HEAD TABLE.))

((SO BEV DID, AND WITH THAT LITTLE JOSEPH -- LEANING INTO THE MICROPHONE -- STARTED CRYING. WHICH BROUGHT BARBARA -- LIKE THE FORT DODGE CAVALRY -- CHARGING TO THE RESCUE. "GIVE ME THE BABY," SHE SAID TO TOM. "YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT CONTOUR." YOU GUESSED IT: THE BABY DIDN'T MAKE ANOTHER SOUND.)) //

LIKE ALL OF YOU, I'VE SEEN TOM TAKE UP-CLOSE AND PERSONAL. I ADMIRE HIM ENORMOUSLY. WE NEED HIM IN THE SENATE. THERE, HE CAN SERVE ALL OF IOWA, AND HELP IOWA SERVE THE NATION. THERE, HE CAN HELP ENSURE PROSPERITY AT HOME -- AND PEACE ABROAD.

AS YOU KNOW, LAST WEEK I MET WITH CHAIRMAN GORBACHEV OFF THE COAST OF MALTA. WE TALKED ABOUT THE POWER OF FREEDOM TO DISMANTLE WALLS BETWEEN NATIONS. AND AGREED THAT WE MUST SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A GENERATION OF PEACE. FROM MALTA CAME INITIATIVES TO NURTURE EUROPE'S TIDE TOWARD DEMOCRACY, ACCELERATE ARMS CONTROL, AND EXPAND TRADE. AND IN THAT CONTEXT, LET ME REPEAT MY GOAL TO GRANT MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS TO THE SOVIET UNION BY THE 1990 SUMMIT. THIS WILL RELAX TRADE BARRIERS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST -- EXPANDING MARKETS FOR AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER EXPORTS. WE NEED SENATORS WHO WILL HELP AMERICA MOVE BEYOND CONTAINMENT TOWARD A EUROPE THAT IS WHOLE AND FREE. TOM TAUKE WILL DO THAT. //

THEN, THERE'S THE PROSPERITY WHICH HAS MEANT OVER 20 MILLION NEW JOBS SINCE 1982. PROSPERITY WHICH RESULTS FROM LOWER TAXES, RESPONSIBLE SPENDING, AND LOWER INTEREST RATES. THIS JULY TOM TAUKE WAS ONE OF ONLY 23 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO BE HONORED BY THE NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION. I NEED HIM IN THE SENATE TO KEEP TAXES DOWN.

YET PROSPERITY MEANS LITTLE IF OUR KIDS AREN'T FREE FROM DRUGS. SO WE HAVE UNVEILED A COMPREHENSIVE DRUG STRATEGY TO STOP USE BEFORE IT BEGINS. TOM TAUKE SUPPORTS OUR STRATEGY. HE KNOWS THAT WE HAVE NOT SPENT 213 YEARS DEFENDING OUR DEMOCRACY FROM THE TYRANNY OF OPPRESSION -- ONLY TO LOSE IT TO THE TYRANNY OF CRACK AND COCAINE.

YOU KNOW, A WRITER ONCE SAID OF IOWA: "THIS IS TOP-CHOICE AMERICA, AMERICA CUT THICK AND PRIME." PEACE, PROSPERITY, AND AN END TO DRUGS ARE GOALS WORTHY OF "TOP-CHOICE AMERICANS." AND SO ARE OTHER ISSUES WHICH CONCERN EVERY IOWAN.

FOR EXAMPLE, WE WANT TO MAKE AMERICA'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM NO. 1 IN THE WORLD AGAIN. CONSIDER THAT IOWA CAN BOAST THE THIRD-HIGHEST PERCENTAGE RATE OF HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATES IN THE COUNTRY. AND YOU'RE NUMBER ONE -- ALL ALONE -- IN ACTS, AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING.

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YOU BETTER BELIEVE WE WANT TO DO NATIONALLY WHAT YOU HAVE DONE LOCALLY. SO WE'VE MADE EDUCATION REFORM ONE OF OUR TOP PRIORITIES -- PROPOSING LEGISLATION TO GIVE GREATER CHOICE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS, REWARD EXCELLENCE, AND DEMAND GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY. TOM TAUKE HAS CHAMPIONED THOSE PROPOSALS.

I'M ALSO GRATEFUL TO GOVERNOR BRANSTAD FOR HIS LEADERSHIP WITH THE GOVERNORS. HE WAS A STALWART ADVOCATE FOR A BETTER EDUCATION FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN AT OUR RECENT EDUCATION SUMMIT.

NEXT, LET ME TALK FOR A MOMENT ABOUT AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND FARM BILLS. FOUR YEARS AGO, TOM HELPED PASS A PIONEERING FARM BILL TO HELP A WHOLE COMMUNITY IN CRISIS. AND TODAY, FARM INCOME IS NEAR RECORD LEVELS, AND EXPORTS HAVE DRAMATICALLY INCREASED SINCE 1986. MOST GOOD LAND HAS BEEN BROUGHT BACK INTO PRODUCTION. AND ABOUT 30 MILLION ACRES OF FRAGILE LAND HAVE BEEN SEMI-PERMANENTLY RETIRED.

AND MANY OF YOU KNOW, TOM TAUKE HAS ALREADY BEEN OUT FRONT IN OUR EFFORT TO PROMOTE ETHANOL AS ALTERNATIVE FUEL. THAT'S GOOD FOR AGRICULTURE AND GOOD FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT.

ALL OF THIS MEANS GOOD NEWS FOR FARMERS AND TAXPAYERS. FOR UNDER THE 1985 FARM BILL, AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM COSTS HAVE FALLEN BY MORE THAN HALF. LET'S REMEMBER THAT NEXT YEAR AS WE WRITE NEW FARM LEGISLATION. TOM TAUKE WILL MAKE A GOOD BILL EVEN BETTER.

FINALLY, AS I SAID IN DES MOINES DURING LAST YEAR'S CAUCUSES, WE KNOW THAT MEDICARE HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN FAIR TO RURAL HOSPITALS. SO OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS WELCOMED NEW LEGISLATION TO CREATE MORE EQUITABLE PAYMENTS BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS. TOM TAUKE FOUNDED AND CO-CHAIRS THE RURAL HEALTH CARE COALITION WHICH HELPED DRAFT THIS LEGISLATION. I NEED HIM IN THE SENATE TO MAKE HEALTH CARE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE OF RURAL AMERICA.

(NOW TOM, OF COURSE, WOULD DOWNPLAY EACH OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. AFTER ALL, THAT'S THE IOWA WAY: MODEST AND UNDERSTATED. I'M REMINDED OF HOW A NOTED COMEDIAN -- NO, NOT FRED GRANDY -- ONCE BOUGHT A CHICKEN FARM. A FRIEND WAS ASTONISHED. "DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BREEDING CHICKENS?" HE ASKED. "NO," THE COMEDIAN REPLIED, "BUT THE CHICKENS DO.") //

WELL, TOM TAUKE KNOWS IOWA. FROM THE BANKS OF THE MISSISSIPPI TO THE BLUFFS OF THE MISSOURI. HIS VALUES REFLECT THE GREATNESS OF IOWA. YOU KNOW, WHEN I THINK OF IOWA, I THINK OF A MIDWESTERN STATE THAT IS INTERNATIONAL AS WELL. NOT JUST IN TERMS OF TRADE IN FARM PRODUCTS, BUT IN A BROADER CONTEXT. IOWANS HAVE ALWAYS HAD A KEEN INTEREST IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND YOUR INSIGHTS ARE VALUABLE INDEED. TOM TAUKE FITS THAT PICTURE AND HIS LIFE EMBODIES THE SPIRIT OF IOWA: THAT SPIRIT OF "AMERICA-CAN," NOT "WASHINGTON-MUST."

SO LET'S REMEMBER THAT TOM HAS BEEN THERE FOR US. AND PLEDGE THAT WE'LL BE THERE FOR HIM -- SUPPORTING HIM ALL THE WAY. THANK YOU FOR THIS WONDERFUL EVENING. GOD BLESS YOU. GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND LET'S MAKE TOM TAUKE THE NEXT SENATOR FROM THE GREAT STATE OF IOWA.

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