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April 25, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad
Bethesda, Maryland

2:05 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. From George to George, thank you. (Laughter.) President Giebel, thank you very much. And Chief Dwyer, and members of this marvelous Bethesda-Chevy Chase Volunteer Rescue Squad. And, of course, I want to pay my respects to our County Executive, Sidney Kramer -- thank him for being with us today. Congressman Curt Weldon, an old friend of mine, a current member of the United States Congress, is the founder of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus, one of the most rapidly growing caucuses in the Congress and one that really has unanimous, across-the-aisle support. So, Curt, I'm delighted to be with you.

And, of course, I don't need to say to you, her constituents, too much about my friend, your own friend, and our Representative in the United States Congress, Connie Morella. (Applause.) I will tell you, coming out, she wanted to be sure -- you know Connie -- she wanted to be sure I knew absolutely everything I needed to know, so she was telling me that it was -- and she said it not in a partisan sense, but in a sense of civic commitment -- that this is the heart and soul of the community. And she said that it permitted her -- enthusiastically let her have her announcement here, her victory celebration and, indeed, even her son's wedding reception here. (Laughter.)

So in addition to other good works, I salute this organization for being the heart and soul, as Connie said, of the community. This is one of the first organizations that -- the organization that I spoke to as a vice presidential nominee in 1980, and I'm certainly glad to be back.

One reason that I'm so pleased to be here is that if my speech is a disaster, relief is at hand. (Laughter.) Then, too, there's another point that Curt and Connie and I were talking about coming out here -- this week, it is National Volunteer Week -- which celebrates the selfless character of the American people.

National Volunteer Week salutes what I call this nation's "points of light" -- this vast galaxy of individuals and businesses, and schools and churches and synagogues, unions and voluntary associations working together to solve problems. This Rescue Squad really is a point of light. It is also a source of life.

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Thank you for what you've done. I simply wanted to come out, down the street -- through the skies, I will confess -- (laughter) -- but to say thank you from the bottom of a grateful heart. And I will try to continue to tell America how grateful we are for those who serve others. Thank you very, very much. And God bless you all. (Applause.)

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RESPONSE:

No comments.

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FROM: DBR DAVID B. RIVKIN
LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE COUNSEL
TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Bethesda Rescue Squad

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TO: SPEECH WRITERS

FROM: BRUCE J. ZANCA
Office of Public Events
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RE: BETHESDA RESCUE SQUAD REMARKS

We will be going to the Rescue Squad as part of the ongoing activities to highlight "National Volunteer Week". Sig and I talked last week about the tone of the visit and the message we wanted to convey. With that in mind, I would like to offer a few suggestions.

Our recommendation would be to include some words on what these heroic volunteers do. As an example, we could talk about their days in other professions, their long nights running with the rescue squad, and the time they spend away from their families risking their lives for others. To make it more personal, could we cite specific examples of the squad's successes?

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[[Listen to an anonymous letter that appeared on your bulletin board. It talked of the comfort the B-CC Rescue Squad provides. "You can watch people's faces begin to relax just by your presence. That gives you a special feeling." // And look at the man to my left, David Dwyer, Chief of the Squad for the past 21 years. He ^{'s one of the heroes responsible for} ~~symbolizes~~ that feeling. By day, Dave works at the National Institutes of Health. But by night, he's a volunteer. Anywhere there is a need. Anytime he is needed. //]]

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cc: James W. Cicconi

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BETHESDA, MARYLAND
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1990

Members of the Bethesda Volunteer Rescue Squad, ladies and gentlemen. It's a privilege to be with you. This is the first organization I spoke to as a Vice-Presidential nominee in 1980. I'm glad to be back.

One reason I'm so pleased to be here is that if my speech is a disaster, relief is close at hand. // Then, too, we meet in a special week -- Volunteer Week -- which celebrates the selfless character of the American people. //

Volunteer Week salutes what I call this Nation's points of light -- that vast galaxy of individuals, businesses, schools, churches, synagogues, and voluntary associations working together to solve problems. Your Rescue Squad is a point of light. It is also a source of life. //

Many people don't realize that fully 85 percent of America's fire protection is supplied by volunteers -- an amazing total. Volunteers who meet local emergencies -- risking lives to save other lives. Just as America's fire fighters have done for more than 200 years.

~~((You know, being here today reminds me of a story that I heard which happened 60 years ago. It seems that 25 of Boston's top Prohibition bootleggers were rounded up in a surprise raid.~~

Let's get a fresh juke.

And as they were being arraigned, the Judge asked the usual question about occupation.

((The first 24 men were engaged in the same profession -- each claimed to be a "fire fighter." Well, naturally, the Judge asked the last prisoner, "And what are you?" // "Your honor," he replied, "I'm a bootlegger." Surprised, the Judge laughed and asked, "How's business?" // "It would be a lot better," he answered, "if there weren't so many fire fighters around."))

See what I mean? Even back in Prohibition, your numbers turned the tide! // Then, as now, volunteers like you were the "first responder" not only to fire -- but also accidents, floods, cave-ins, and collapsed buildings. Then, as now, you acted as the "backbone of America" -- showing that any definition of a successful life must include serving others. //

Volunteer Week embodies that definition. As do your fifty years of service to the Bethesda community. By risking your lives to save others, you are on the front lines. Those who directly take up the fight against drug abuse, illiteracy, homelessness, hunger, environmental decay, and AIDS are also on the front lines. // Like you, they are finding the meaning and adventure that all of us seek in our own lives. Like you, they know that life means nothing without a cause larger than ourselves.

Fire fighting was such a cause when, in 1736, Ben Franklin founded one of the first volunteer companies. So it is in 1990 - - with fire fighters today three million strong. I salute you,

It is not until we lose ourselves in serving others that we find the fulfillment that we all so desperately need.

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as does your community. But leave it to Franklin to have the last word. No, not Ben -- Aretha. R-E-S-P-E-C-T. // We respect, and admire, you for a job well-done.

Today, America is grateful for your special brand of skill and courage. The courage to put another's life before one's own. Let me close with a Bible verse that defines your lives:

"Greater love hath no love than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." //

You serve strangers. You save lives. You walk the path of engagement in the lives of those in need. This is America, and the true meaning of serving others. Thank you for what you've done, and are doing. And God bless the United States of America.

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is this audience going to be fonder of that song? I doubt it. And if they're fonder of it, this reference will seem bizarre!