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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR SENATOR JESSE HELMS

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Charlotte, North Carolina

7:25 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Thank you all very, very much. Thank you, Jesse. Thank you very, very much, Jesse, for that very warm introduction. And I am so pleased to be here. And to Dot Helms, my respects. Barbara sends her love. To our outstanding Governor, Jim Martin, a friend of longstanding, my respects. And to his cohort from across the way, Carroll Campbell, another close friend. The Carolinians are lucky -- they've got it made with these two Governors. (Applause.)

I want to salute another friend, the Congressman from this district who's making such a superb record for himself and for North Carolina values in the United States Congress, Alex McMillan, going strong. And I'm very proud of him. (Applause.) Another old friend -- I don't want to date Jim Gardner in a sense -- but he and I were elected to the Congress on exactly the same day several years ago. And I am proud of him as he serves this state as Lieutenant Governor. (Applause.)

I want to salute the Mayor, Sue Myrick; our Chairman Jack Hawk; old friends of mine, Jack and Helen Laughery, who do so much for the cause and with whom I spent a nervous primary night in this state two years ago. Roger Milliken, from Spartanburg down here, right across the way; strong supporter of the Republican Party and the conservative cause. And, of course, the real star of tonight's show -- a truly great North Carolinian, with an unparalleled record of success -- loved by his fans, feared by his opponents. You all know him -- professional wrestler Ric "Nature Boy" Flair, down here. (Applause.)

Ric, I was thinking you ought to team up with my friend, the Chairman of the National Fitness Council, Arnold Schwarzenegger. You know, Conan the Republican. (Laughter.) And maybe the two of you could bench-press the federal budget.

I'm glad you're here. And I don't have what they call in baseball "rabbit ears" -- you know, the guy that always hears the heckling from the sidelines -- but I did notice some protest going on outside as we were coming in tonight. And they're upset because they think that the only reason I was invited to speak this evening is because I'm Barbara Bush's husband. (Laughter and applause.) I thought it came out pretty well -- Bar Bush, seven; Wellesley, you know what. (Laughter.)

Anyway, it's a pleasure to be with you in the birthplace of one of America's greatest religious leaders, too, a friend of all of ours, the Reverend Billy Graham. And what's more, I am privileged this evening to salute one of America's most dynamic political leaders. A steadfast champion of what he believes -- what he believes. And, of course, I'm talking about Senator Jesse Helms, my friend. (Applause.)

You know, it's been said that Jesse Helms is a political partisan. He still maintains that One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

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was really the title of a film on the 1972 Democratic Convention. (Laughter.) Yet partisanship really is only a small part of the Jesse Helms story.

The son of a police chief, Jesse worked his way through school. Later, telling the plain truth as a columnist and commentator. And as a Senator with seniority and prestige, he's been a clear, strong voice for North Carolina. (Applause.) Reflecting this state's motto: To be rather than to seem. (Applause.)

The theme of this campaign is "you know where Jesse stands." Yet I'd like to talk about the Jesse Helms you may not know about. Not just professionally -- I'm talking personally. And why his reelection isn't a partisan crusade, but a national necessity.

The Jesse Helms that I know and that all of us that orbit around that Senate from time to time know is a man of courtesy, unfailing courtesy, and conviction. He isn't a trendy follower who flows with the current. He's a visionary who alters the tide. Sam Ervin put it best: "Jesse is one of the few men with the courage to stand up for what he believes." (Applause.)

And the Jesse Helms I know also embodies the values of North Carolina's good, quiet and decent people. People who pay their taxes and believe in hard work and have a love of country and of God. And like them, Jesse's a man of integrity, a great family man -- lovely wife, Dot, and three great kids, six grandchildren. And a man of kindness and humanity.

Let me tell you a revealing story. Barbara and I have two adopted grandchildren, the younger christened in the Rose Garden two weeks ago. And they are a constant source of happiness in our lives. Well, 28 years ago, at Christmas, Jesse and Dot were reading a story about a boy with cerebral palsy living in a Greensboro orphanage. And asked what he would most like from Santa Claus, the boy had said, a mother and a father. And soon after, Jesse and Dot visited that boy and they adopted him -- became his mother and father. Brought him through several operations. And today, he's a successful businessman with a family of his own.

Like Barbara and I, Dot and Jesse know the joy of adoption. And I know we all salute them for bringing the caring light of love to another. (Applause.)

And that is the Jesse Helms I know -- a parable of character. The character which led Jesse to go out and buy glasses for the son of a woman in Johnson County whom he heard couldn't see the blackboard; or caused him to help Durham's Thuy Doan. Having escaped from Vietnam, she tried for seven years to get her mother out. And Jesse reunited her family. Let's face it: people don't always agree with him, but they always respect him.

And where does Jesse stand? You know where. He places principle and people above partisan politics. Strengthening the United States of America. (Applause.) By way of example, look first at foreign policy, where naturally, the liberal Democrats want us to make reckless defense cuts. And as long as I'm President, there's as much chance of that happening as there is of Mike Kryzewski going to the Boston Celtics. It isn't going to happen.

And the truth is a strong national defense has and is helping to build a more democratic world. (Applause.) Consider, earlier this month, President Gorbachev and I held our Washington summit, and we signed an agreement to update and expand our 1973 pact on the peaceful uses of atomic energy. Another agreement on nuclear testing will create unprecedented improvements for on-site verification -- a course that Jesse has urged since the 1970s.

And President Gorbachev and I also issued a joint statement on conventional armed forces in Europe in which both sides committed themselves to intensify the pace of the negotiations in Vienna and agreed that such a treaty is essential to the future

security of Europe. And furthermore, we also agreed to hold future negotiations on nuclear and space arms once the START treaty is concluded.

\ The great humorist Will Rogers once said, "A man in the country does his own thinking -- but you get him into town and he soon will be thinking second-handed." In North Carolina, even city folks are common-sense country thinkers. And you understand that giving peace a chance does not mean taking a chance on peace.

As we build upon our new relationship with the Soviet Union -- and I'm going to keep on trying there -- America must heed the desire for self-determination for the Baltic Republics -- and we will. And I was pleased to see last week's meeting between President Gorbachev and the Presidents of these three Republics. And those talks began a dialogue that we hope can lead to a peaceful resolution of this situation, an end to the Soviet economic blockade of Lithuania, and freedom for millions more. (Applause.)

And as we work to consolidate the positive change of the past year, we must also maintain the policies and institutions that made that change possible: A strong NATO, with Germany remaining a full member, and a strong American military presence in Europe, as guarantors of stability, security, and freedom. Carolinians know these challenges can only be met through an America unafraid to adjust, but committed to remain strong. You see, weakness will not preserve the peace that our national defense policies have helped us win. And I need senators who will help our defense maintain that peace. (Applause.) And where does Jesse stand? You know where Jesse stands. For a safer, more secure, and stable world.

And turning to America, a lot of challenges also remain. And so, quoting Asheville's own Thomas Wolfe, let's "look homeward." And here, too, I need Jesse Helms to keep standing up for what's right.

A noted preacher once said, "A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag only but the nation itself." And yet, what would we say to the brave men and women who fought and died for the Stars and Stripes if they were alive today?

Forty-eight states had laws protecting the flag against desecration. Forty-eight states. And those laws were effectively struck down when the Supreme Court ruled that flag-burning is protected by the Constitution. Now, I know this is an emotional issue on which Americans of good faith can, and do, disagree. As I look at it, it's not a Republican issue or Democrat or even a liberal or conservative issue. To me, it is an American issue.

And our forefathers -- with remarkable insight -- knew that the Constitution must evolve in order to be contemporary. And so they provided a mechanism for amending this sacred and marvelous document. And like us, they knew that the flag is the unique symbol of America. And I emphasize that word "unique." I honestly can't believe that they would condone burning it under the cover of free speech. (Applause.) The constitutional amendment we have proposed is carefully-drawn. And here's what it says: "The Congress and the states shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." I will fight for that amendment, and I am proud to have Jesse Helms at my side. (Applause.)

And Jesse and I, of course, agree on many other issues -- things that I think we all agree could be called value issues. An example: Jesse believed that kids should have the right to have voluntary prayer in the classroom -- and so do I. (Applause.) As an old-fashioned guy, he believes in fiscal sanity. And when it comes to solving problems, liberals measure progress made by dollars spent. And Jesse and I, on the other hand, want to clean up the deficit through proposals requiring a balanced budget and a line-item veto. (Applause.) If the Congress can't make these cuts, give the President what 43 governors have, and let him have a shot at it. (Applause.)

And finally, there's the issue of fighting crime. And last May I outlined our Violent Crime Act. And at its heart is the belief that for anyone killing a law enforcement officer, no legal penalty is too tough. Liberals oppose the death penalty. And where does Jesse stand? Where I do: We want to eliminate loopholes that allow these -- the worst criminals to escape just punishment -- and what's more, we want to expand its coverage to include major drug traffickers. Not sometime. Not someplace. But right now all across America. (Applause.)

I'm told that Jesse's favorite movie is Patton. And in closing, let me recite the words of Patton telling his troops that in coming months they would often wonder whether they'd retreat under fire. "Don't worry about it," he advised them. "I can assure you, you will all do your duty."

For 18 years, Jesse Helms has done his duty. Acting as a United States Senator to protect what Mayberry's own Aunt Bee, of the beloved Andy Griffith Show, called "home and people's feelings, and how they grew up." He continues to lead with the civility and conscience that is a metaphor for North Carolina. And with a spirit that would make even General Patton proud.

Two years ago, after an operation, Jesse -- typical of him -- disobeyed the doctor's orders by leaving his sick bed early to hit the campaign trail for me and Dan Quayle. And I'll never forget how he literally stood up to support me. And tonight, I came down here to pledge him my support. You know where Jesse stands: For a safe, strong, and moral America. And I need him in the United States Senate. So let's keep him there -- for your sake, for North Carolina's sake, and for America's sake. And thank you for this occasion. And let's reelect Jesse Helms. And God bless the United States of America. (Applause.) Thank you.

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HELMS FUNDRAISER
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1990

MRS. HELMS, GOVERNOR JIM MARTIN, GOVERNOR
CARROLL CAMPBELL, CONGRESSMAN ALEX MCMILLAN, LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR JIM GARDNER, CHAIRMAN JACK HAWK, JACK AND
HELEN LAUGHERY [LOCK-ER-EE], ROGER MILLIKEN, AND OF
COURSE, THE REAL STAR OF TONIGHT'S SHOW. A TRULY GREAT
NORTH CAROLINIAN, WITH AN UNPARALLELED RECORD OF
SUCCESS -- LOVED BY HIS FANS, FEARED BY HIS OPPONENTS.
YOU ALL KNOW HIM. // PROFESSIONAL WRESTLER RIC "NATURE
BOY" FLAIR. //

((RIC, I WAS THINKING YOU OUGHT TO TEAM UP WITH MY
FRIEND ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER. YOU KNOW, CONAN THE
REPUBLICAN. // MAYBE THE TWO OF YOU CAN BENCH-PRESS
THE FEDERAL BUDGET.)) //

((I NOTICED SOME PROTESTS GOING ON OUTSIDE AS WE
WERE COMING IN TONIGHT. THEY'RE UPSET BECAUSE THEY
THINK THE ONLY REASON I WAS INVITED TO SPEAK THIS
EVENING IS BECAUSE I'M BARBARA BUSH'S HUSBAND.)) //

IT'S A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU IN THE BIRTHPLACE OF ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST RELIGIOUS LEADERS, THE REVEREND BILLY GRAHAM. // WHAT'S MORE, I AM PRIVILEGED THIS EVENING TO SALUTE ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST DYNAMIC POLITICAL LEADERS. A STEADFAST CHAMPION OF WHAT HE BELIEVES. SENATOR JESSE HELMS. //

((YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN SAID THAT JESSE HELMS IS A POLITICAL PARTISAN. HE STILL MAINTAINS THAT ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST WAS REALLY THE TITLE OF A FILM ON THE 1972 DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.)) // YET PARTISANSHIP IS ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE JESSE HELMS STORY. //

THE SON OF A POLICE CHIEF, JESSE WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH SCHOOL. LATER, TELLING THE PLAIN TRUTH AS A COLUMNIST AND COMMENTATOR. // AS A SENATOR WITH SENIORITY AND PRESTIGE, HE'S BEEN A CLEAR, STRONG VOICE FOR NORTH CAROLINA. REFLECTING ITS STATE MOTTO: TO BE RATHER THAN TO SEEM.

THE THEME OF THIS CAMPAIGN IS "YOU KNOW WHERE JESSE STANDS." YET I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE JESSE HELMS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT. NOT JUST PROFESSIONALLY -- PERSONALLY. AND WHY HIS RE-ELECTION ISN'T A PARTISAN CRUSADE -- BUT A NATIONAL NECESSITY.

THE JESSE HELMS I KNOW IS A MAN OF COURTESY AND CONVICTION. HE'S NOT A TRENDY FOLLOWER WHO FLOWS WITH THE CURRENT. HE'S A VISIONARY WHO ALTERS THE TIDE. // SAM ERVIN PUT IT BEST: "JESSE IS ONE OF THE FEW MEN [WITH] THE COURAGE TO STAND UP FOR WHAT HE BELIEVES."

THE JESSE HELMS I KNOW ALSO EMBODIES THE VALUES OF NORTH CAROLINA'S GOOD, QUIET, DECENT PEOPLE. PEOPLE WHO PAY THEIR TAXES, BELIEVE IN HARD WORK, AND HAVE A LOVE OF COUNTRY AND OF GOD. // LIKE THEM, JESSE'S A MAN OF INTEGRITY. A GREAT FAMILY MAN -- LOVELY WIFE, DOT, THREE GREAT KIDS, AND SIX GRAND-CHILDREN. A MAN OF KINDNESS AND HUMANITY. LET ME TELL YOU A REVEALING STORY.

((BARBARA AND I HAVE TWO ADOPTED GRANDCHILDREN --
THE YOUNGER CHRISTENED TWO WEEKS AGO. THEY ARE A
CONSTANT SOURCE OF HAPPINESS IN OUR LIVES. WELL, 28
YEARS AGO AT CHRISTMAS, JESSE AND DOT WERE READING A
STORY ABOUT A BOY WITH CEREBRAL PALSY, LIVING IN A
GREENSBORO ORPHANAGE. ASKED WHAT HE WOULD MOST LIKE
FROM SANTA CLAUS, THE BOY HAD SAID, "A MOTHER AND A
FATHER." //

((SOON AFTER, JESSE AND DOT VISITED THAT BOY.
THEY ADOPTED HIM. BECAME HIS MOTHER AND FATHER.
BROUGHT HIM THROUGH SEVERAL OPERATIONS. TODAY, HE'S A
SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN WITH A FAMILY OF HIS OWN. //
LIKE BARBARA AND I, DOT AND JESSE KNOW THE JOY OF
ADOPTION. I KNOW WE ALL SALUTE THEM FOR BRINGING THE
CARING LIGHT OF LOVE TO ANOTHER.)) //

THAT'S THE JESSE HELMS I KNOW -- A PARABLE OF
CHARACTER. THE CHARACTER WHICH LED JESSE TO GO OUT AND
BUY GLASSES FOR THE SON OF A WOMAN IN JOHNSTON COUNTY
WHOM HE HEARD COULDN'T SEE THE BLACKBOARD. OR CAUSED
HIM TO HELP DURHAM'S THUY DOAN [TIE DOAN]. HAVING
ESCAPED FROM VIET NAM, SHE TRIED FOR SEVEN YEARS TO GET
HER MOTHER OUT. JESSE HELMS REUNITED HER FAMILY. //
PEOPLE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE WITH HIM. BUT THEY ALWAYS
RESPECT HIM. WHERE DOES JESSE STAND? YOU KNOW WHERE:
HE PLACES PRINCIPLE AND PEOPLE ABOVE PARTISAN POLITICS
-- STRENGTHENING THE U.S. OF A. //

AS AN EXAMPLE, LOOK FIRST AT FOREIGN POLICY.
((WHERE, NATURALLY, LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WANT US TO MAKE
RECKLESS DEFENSE CUTS. AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT,
THERE'S AS MUCH CHANCE OF THAT HAPPENING AS THERE IS OF
MIKE KRYZEWSKI [SHA-SHEH-SKEE] GOING TO THE BOSTON
CELTICS.)) // TRUTH IS: A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE
HAS, AND IS, HELPING BUILD A MORE DEMOCRATIC WORLD.
CONSIDER: EARLIER THIS MONTH, PRESIDENT GORBACHEV AND
I HELD OUR WASHINGTON SUMMIT. WE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT
TO UPDATE AND EXPAND OUR 1973 PACT ON THE PEACEFUL USES
OF ATOMIC ENERGY. ANOTHER AGREEMENT, ON NUCLEAR
TESTING, WILL CREATE UNPRECEDENTED IMPROVEMENTS FOR
ON-SITE VERIFICATION -- AS JESSE HAS URGED SINCE THE
1970S.

PRESIDENT GORBACHEV AND I ALSO ISSUED A JOINT
STATEMENT ON CONVENTIONAL ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE -- IN
WHICH BOTH SIDES COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO INTENSIFY THE
PACE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA AND AGREED THAT SUCH
A TREATY IS ESSENTIAL TO THE FUTURE SECURITY OF EUROPE.
FURTHERMORE, WE ALSO AGREED TO HOLD FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS
ON NUCLEAR AND SPACE ARMS ONCE A START TREATY IS
CONCLUDED.

((THE GREAT HUMORIST WILL ROGERS ONCE SAID, "A MAN IN THE COUNTRY DOES HIS OWN THINKING -- BUT YOU GET HIM INTO TOWN AND HE SOON WILL BE THINKING SECOND-HANDED.")) // IN NORTH CAROLINA, EVEN CITY FOLKS ARE COMMON SENSE COUNTRY THINKERS: YOU UNDERSTAND THAT GIVING PEACE A CHANCE DOES NOT MEAN TAKING A CHANCE ON PEACE. //

AS WE BUILD UPON OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AMERICA MUST HEED THE DESIRE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE BALTIC REPUBLICS -- AND WE WILL. I WAS PLEASED TO SEE LAST WEEK'S MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT GORBACHEV AND THE PRESIDENTS OF THESE REPUBLICS. THOSE TALKS BEGAN A DIALOGUE THAT WE HOPE CAN LEAD TO A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THIS SITUATION, AN END TO THE SOVIET ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF LITHUANIA, AND FREEDOM FOR MILLIONS.

AS WE WORK TO CONSOLIDATE THE POSITIVE CHANGE OF THE PAST YEAR, WE MUST ALSO MAINTAIN THE POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONS THAT MADE THAT CHANGE POSSIBLE: A STRONG NATO, WITH GERMANY REMAINING A FULL MEMBER, AND A STRONG AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE, AS GUARANTORS OF STABILITY, SECURITY, AND FREEDOM. //

CAROLINIANS KNOW THESE CHALLENGES CAN ONLY BE MET THROUGH AN AMERICA UNAFRAID TO ADJUST BUT COMMITTED TO REMAIN STRONG. WEAKNESS WILL NOT PRESERVE THE PEACE THAT OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE POLICIES HAVE HELPED US WIN. I NEED SENATORS WHO'LL HELP OUR DEFENSE MAINTAIN THAT PEACE. WHERE DOES JESSE STAND? YOU KNOW WHERE JESSE STANDS. FOR A SAFER, MORE SECURE, AND STABLE WORLD.

TURNING TO AMERICA, CHALLENGES ALSO REMAIN. SO, QUOTING ASHEVILLE'S OWN THOMAS WOLFE, LET'S "LOOK HOMEWARD": HERE, TOO, I NEED JESSE HELMS TO STAND UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT. //

A NOTED PREACHER ONCE SAID, "A THOUGHTFUL MIND, WHEN IT SEES A NATION'S FLAG, SEES NOT THE FLAG ONLY BUT THE NATION ITSELF." YET, WHAT WOULD WE SAY TO THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO FOUGHT AND DIED FOR THE STARS AND STRIPES IF THEY WERE ALIVE TODAY? //

FORTY-EIGHT STATES HAD LAWS PROTECTING THE FLAG AGAINST DESECRATION. THOSE LAWS WERE EFFECTIVELY STRUCK DOWN WHEN THE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT FLAG-BURNING IS PROTECTED BY THE CONSTITUTION. NOW, I KNOW THIS IS AN EMOTIONAL ISSUE ON WHICH AMERICANS OF GOOD FAITH CAN, AND DO, DISAGREE. BUT TO ME IT IS NOT A DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN ISSUE -- NOT A LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE ISSUE. TO ME, IT IS AN AMERICAN ISSUE. //

OUR FOREFATHERS -- WITH REMARKABLE INSIGHT -- KNEW THAT THE CONSTITUTION MUST EVOLVE IN ORDER TO BE CONTEMPORARY. SO THEY PROVIDED A MECHANISM FOR AMENDING THIS MARVELOUS DOCUMENT. LIKE US, THEY KNEW THAT THE FLAG IS THE UNIQUE SYMBOL OF AMERICA -- I EMPHASIZE "UNIQUE." I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY WOULD CONDONE BURNING IT UNDER THE COVER OF FREE SPEECH. // THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WE HAVE PROPOSED IS CAREFULLY-DRAWN. HERE'S WHAT IT SAYS: "THE CONGRESS AND THE STATES SHALL HAVE POWER TO PROHIBIT THE PHYSICAL DESECRATION OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES." // I WILL FIGHT FOR THIS AMENDMENT, AND I'M PROUD TO HAVE JESSE AT MY SIDE. //

JESSE AND I, OF COURSE, AGREE ON MANY OTHER ISSUES -- THINGS THAT I CALL VALUE ISSUES. AN EXAMPLE: JESSE BELIEVES THAT KIDS SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE VOLUNTARY PRAYER IN THE CLASSROOM -- AND SO DO I. //

JESSE AND I ALSO VALUE FISCAL SANITY. WHEN IT COMES TO SOLVING PROBLEMS, LIBERALS MEASURE PROGRESS MADE BY DOLLARS SPENT. JESSE HELMS AND I, ON THE OTHER HAND, WANT TO CLEAN UP THE DEFICIT THROUGH PROPOSALS REQUIRING A BALANCED BUDGET AND A LINE ITEM VETO. //

FINALLY, THERE'S THE ISSUE OF FIGHTING CRIME. LAST MAY, I OUTLINED OUR VIOLENT CRIME ACT. AT ITS HEART IS THE BELIEF THAT FOR ANYONE KILLING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, NO LEGAL PENALTY IS TOO TOUGH. LIBERALS OPPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY. WHERE DOES JESSE STAND? WHERE I DO: WE WANT TO ELIMINATE LOOPHOLES THAT ALLOW CRIMINALS TO ESCAPE JUST PUNISHMENT -- AND WHAT'S MORE, WE WANT TO EXPAND ITS COVERAGE TO INCLUDE MAJOR DRUG TRAFFICKERS. NOT SOME TIME. NOT SOME PLACE. BUT ACROSS AMERICA -- NOW. //

JESSE HELMS' FAVORITE MOVIE IS PATTON. AND IN CLOSING, LET ME RECITE THE WORDS OF PATTON TELLING HIS TROOPS THAT IN COMING MONTHS THEY WOULD OFTEN WONDER WHETHER THEY'D RETREAT UNDER FIRE. "DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT," HE ADVISED THEM. "I CAN ASSURE YOU, YOU WILL ALL DO YOUR DUTY."

FOR 18 YEARS, JESSE HELMS HAS DONE HIS DUTY. ACTING AS A UNITED STATES SENATOR TO PROTECT WHAT MAYBERRY'S OWN AUNT BEE, OF THE BELOVED ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW, CALLED "HOME AND PEOPLE'S FEELINGS, AND HOW THEY GREW UP." // HE CONTINUES TO LEAD WITH THE CIVILITY AND CONSCIENCE THAT IS A METAPHOR FOR NORTH CAROLINA. AND WITH A SPIRIT THAT WOULD MAKE EVEN GENERAL PATTON PROUD. //

TWO YEARS AGO, AFTER AN OPERATION, JESSE DISOBEYED DOCTOR'S ORDERS BY LEAVING HIS SICK BED EARLY TO HIT THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL FOR ME AND DAN QUAYLE. I'LL NEVER FORGET HOW HE, LITERALLY, STOOD UP TO SUPPORT ME. TONIGHT, I PLEDGE TO HIM MY SUPPORT. // YOU KNOW WHERE JESSE STANDS: FOR A SAFE, STRONG, AND MORAL AMERICA. I NEED HIM IN THE SENATE. SO LET'S KEEP HIM THERE -- FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S SAKE, AND AMERICA'S. THANK YOU FOR THIS OCCASION. LET'S RE-ELECT SENATOR JESSE HELMS. AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON, Monday, June 18, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

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Assistant to the President
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June 15, 1990
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CHARLOTTE FUNDRAISER
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1990

Senator and Mrs. Helms, ladies and gentlemen, friends. It is a pleasure to be in the birthplace of one of America's greatest religious leaders, the Reverend Billy Graham.

((Billy and I got to talking religion a few moments ago.

His favorite passage is one tonight's honored guest missed in Sunday school. // Blessed are the meek.)) // *too too*

This evening, I am privileged to salute that guest -- one of America's most dynamic political leaders. A steadfast champion of what he believes. Senator Jesse Helms. //

((I got to thinking about Jesse as we were flying into Charlotte. I went up into the cockpit, and heard him on the control tower radio. He was demanding that the pilot land on runway right.) // That would-be traffic controller has made Carolina proud. I need him in the Senate to keep America proud. *I didn't get it*

All of you know Jesse's story. The son of a police chief, he worked his way through school. Later, telling it like it is as a columnist and commentator. // As a Senator with seniority and prestige, he's been an clear, strong voice for North Carolina. *good*
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 taxes, believe in hard work, and have a love of country and of
 God. // Like them, Jesse's a man of integrity. A great family
 man -- lovely wife, Dot, three great kids, and six grand-
 children. A man of kindness and humanity. As this story shows.

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((Barbara and I have two adopted grandchildren -- the
 younger christened two weeks ago. They are a constant source of
 happiness in our lives. Well, 28 years ago at Christmas, Jesse
 and Dot were reading a story about a boy with cerebral palsy,
 living in a Greensboro orphanage. Asked what he would most like
 from Santa Claus, the boy had said, "A mother and a father." //

((The next day, the Helmses visited that boy. They adopted
 him. Became his mother and father. Brought him through several
 operations. Today, he's a successful businessman. // Like
 Barbara and I, Dot and Jesse know the loving joy of adoption. I
salute Charles Helms and his wonderful parents.))

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That's the Jesse Helms I know -- a parable of character. The
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See Comments. Thanks.
Holly Williamson
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(Smith/Garmey)
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12 P.M.
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CHARLOTTE FUNDRAISER
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1990

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WASHINGTON

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Helms Fundraiser

We have reviewed the attached draft and suggest that on page 6, line four, the phrase "to expand the death penalty" should be changed to read: "to restore the Federal death penalty."

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cc: James W. Cicconi

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(Smith/Garmey)
June 19, 1990
11 A.M.
JESSE

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HELMS FUNDRAISER
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1990

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Professional wrestler Ric "Nature Boy" Flair. //

((Ric, I was thinking you ought to team up with my friend
Arnold Schwarzenegger. You know, Conan the Republican. // Maybe
the two of you can bench-press the Federal budget.)) //

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HELMS FUNDRAISER
CHARLOTTE FUNDRAISER
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1990

Mrs. Helms, Governor Jim Martin, Governor Campbell,
Congressman Alex McMillan, Lieutenant Governor Jim Gardner,
Chairman Jack Hawk, Jack and Helen Laughery [LOCK-er-ee], Roger
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truly great North Carolinian, with an unparalleled record of
success -- loved by his fans, feared by his opponents. You all
know him. // Professional wrestler Ric "Nature Boy" Flair. //

((Ric, I was thinking you ought to team up with my friend
Arnold Schwarzenegger. You know, Conan the Republican. // Maybe
the two of you can bench-press the Federal budget.)) //

((I noticed some protests going on outside as we were coming
in tonight. They're upset because they think the only reason I
was invited to speak this evening is because I'm Barbara Bush's
husband.)) //

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Jesse and I, of course, agree on many other issues -- things that I call value issues. An example: Jesse believes that kids should have the right to have voluntary prayer in the classroom -- and so do I. ~~// Together, let's help put the Faith of our Fathers back in our schools.~~ ^{Jesse and I also} // Another value ~~issue is~~ fiscal sanity. When it comes to solving problems, liberals measure progress made by dollars spent. Jesse Helms and I, on the other hand, want to clean up the deficit through proposals requiring a balanced budget and a line item veto. //

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Senator and Mrs. Helms, ladies and gentlemen, friends. It is a pleasure to be in the birthplace of one of America's greatest religious leaders, the Reverend Billy Graham.

((Billy and I got to talking religion a few moments ago. His favorite passage is one tonight's honored guest missed in Sunday school. // Blessed are the meek.)) //

This evening, I am privileged to salute that guest -- one of America's most dynamic political leaders. A steadfast champion of what he believes. Senator Jesse Helms. //

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