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HANK BROWN FUNDRAISER
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THANK YOU. MY THANKS TO OUR DISTINGUISHED SENATOR FROM COLORADO, SENATOR BILL ARMSTRONG. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK BILL BENNETT, THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY, AND LEE ATWATER, OUR REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, FOR ACCOMPANYING ME HERE TODAY. CONGRESSMEN HEFLEY AND SCHAEFER. THANKS ALSO TO OUR STATE GOP CHAIRMAN, BRUCE BENSON, AND JUDY HUGHES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN. MY SON NEIL AND HIS WIFE, SHARON. OF COURSE, I'D LIKE TO SAY HELLO TO ONE OF COLORADO'S GREAT LEADERS AND THE NEXT SENATOR FROM COLORADO, HANK BROWN.//

HANK WANTED A BIG CROWD TODAY, SO HIS CAMPAIGN TRIED TO GET RALPHIE THE BUFFALO FROM C.U.'S FOOTBALL TEAM. WHEN HE COULDN'T MAKE IT, THEY ASKED FOR C.U.'S HOUSTON TRIO -- THE THREE H-MEN. AS YOU CAN SEE, THEY'RE NOT HERE EITHER AND YOU'VE GOT ME INSTEAD. BUT HEY, IT'S NOT SO BAD -- I AM FROM HOUSTON.///

BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER, I'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT ONE OF THE FINEST MEN WE'VE GOT IN WASHINGTON, SENATOR BILL ARMSTRONG. BILL IS ONE OF THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST -- A PRINCIPLED POLITICIAN AND, A TOP PLAYER ON OUR REPUBLICAN TEAM. HE'S BEEN A LEADER IN CONGRESS SINCE 1973, FIRST IN THE HOUSE AND NOW IN THE SENATE, AND HE'S GOING TO BE MISSED -- BY ME, BY HIS FELLOW SENATORS, AND BY THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO. BILL, THANKS FOR A GREAT JOB.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, I WAS IN MALTA FOR A VERY PRODUCTIVE MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN GORBACHEV. ((I GUESS YOU HEARD I BROUGHT ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF MY TOP STAFF WITH ME. THE MEETING WENT VERY WELL, BUT THERE'S ONE ADVISOR I FORGOT TO CONSULT -- WHERE'S WILLARD SCOTT WHEN I NEED HIM? ///

BUT THE SEAS AND THE RAIN COULD NOT DAMPEN THE SPIRIT OF THE MALTA MEETINGS. I REALLY BELIEVE THAT "MALTA" WILL MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD -- A WORLD WITH MORE FREEDOM, WITH MORE DEMOCRACY.

AFTER THE MEETINGS, I WENT ON TO BRUSSELS TO BRIEF OUR ALLIES. NATO IS TOGETHER AND STRONG. AND AS THE CHANGES IN EASTERN EUROPE UNFOLD AT THIS DAZZLING PACE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NATO REMAIN TOGETHER AND STRONG. NOW, HERE I AM IN DENVER. THAT'S A LOT OF TRAVEL FOR ONE WEEK. BUT THAT'S FINE -- BECAUSE WORKING FOR A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE CONGRESS IS VITAL AND, WITH ME, A PRIORITY. AND THAT MEANS ELECTING HANK BROWN TO THE U.S. SENATE.

HANK AND I ARE ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH, WORKING TOGETHER ON THE ISSUES IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US -- STRENGTHENING PEACE AND FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD, KEEPING THE ECONOMY STRONG AND PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT. HANK BROWN IS WHAT YOU NEED AND WHAT THIS ADMINISTRATION NEEDS: A SENATOR TO MAKE COLORADO STRONG -- TO MAKE THIS NATION PROUD -- AND A LEADER IN THE SENATE THAT I CAN WORK WITH AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN JUST A FEW SHORT WEEKS, WE'LL BE ENTERING THE NEXT DECADE. AS EVENTS IN THE WORLD QUICKLY UNFOLD, I SEE AN AMERICA FILLED WITH OPTIMISM, HOPE, AND A SENSE OF NEW BEGINNINGS. ACROSS THE ATLANTIC, WE ALSO SENSE NEW BEGINNINGS AS DEMOCRACY BLOOMS BEHIND WHAT USED TO BE CALLED THE IRON CURTAIN. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 40 YEARS, THE PEOPLE OF EASTERN EUROPE BELIEVE THAT FREEDOM IS WITHIN THEIR GRASP. THEY AREN'T JUST THINKING ABOUT CHANGE -- THEY ARE CHANGING THE WAY THEY THINK. ABOUT THE FUTURE AND WHAT IT WILL BRING. THEY'RE TAKING THEIR DESTINY IN THEIR OWN HANDS. THEY'RE HELPING BUILD A NEW EUROPE, WHOLE AND FREE.

AT MALTA, PRESIDENT GORBACHEV AND I TOOK OUR FIRST HOPEFUL STEP INTO A NEW AMERICAN-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP. WE TOOK OUR FIRST STEP TOWARD THE NEXT DECADE AND THE NEW WORLD THAT IS TAKING SHAPE -- A NEW WORLD OF SECURITY AND FREEDOM.

OUR MISSION TO MALTA WAS ABOUT PEACE. NOT THE KIND OF UNEASY PEACE WE'VE KNOWN FOR THE LAST FORTY YEARS -- HARD AND COLD -- BUT ABOUT A NEW KIND OF PEACE. ONE THAT IS RICH WITH THE PROMISE OF PERMANENCE. ONE THAT FORMS A FOUNDATION FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE 1990S CAN BE A TIME FOR PEACE BUT IT MUST ALSO BE A TIME OF CONTINUED PROSPERITY FOR ALL AMERICANS. THAT MEANS KEEPING OUR ECONOMY GROWING THROUGH INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES LIKE THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX CUT -- TO BRING MORE JOBS TO MORE PEOPLE.

THE CAPITAL GAINS BATTLE MAY BE OVER FOR THIS YEAR, BUT THE FACT IS: A MAJORITY IN BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE ARE NOW ON RECORD IN FAVOR OF CUTTING THE CAPITAL GAINS RATE. AND IT WAS HANK BROWN, AS A KEY MEMBER OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, WHO PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN GETTING ACTION IN THE HOUSE.

WHEN CONGRESS RECONVENES IN THE NEW YEAR, CUTTING THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX RATE IS ONCE AGAIN GOING TO BE ONE OF THE TOP ITEMS ON MY AGENDA -- AND THE BATTLE WILL COMMENCE AGAIN IN THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. I'M COUNTING ON HANK TO BE ONE OF MY TOP LIEUTENANTS IN THAT FIGHT, AND BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE HIM, IT'S A FIGHT WE ARE GOING TO WIN. WE MUST KEEP AMERICA'S ECONOMY STRONG AND THE JOB CREATION MACHINE ROLLING.

AND I'M ALSO COUNTING ON HANK BROWN TO HELP ME HOLD THE LINE ON NEW TAXES. AS CONGRESS RETURNS, I'M REMINDED OF A STORY FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT USED TO TELL ABOUT HIS OPPONENTS, WHICH I THINK FITS THE TAX-AND-SPEND DEMOCRATS TODAY. IT'S THE LITTLE STORY ABOUT THE POOR CHAMELEON THAT TURNED BROWN WHEN PLACED ON A BROWN RUG, AND TURNED RED WHEN PLACED ON A RED RUG, BUT WHO DIED A TRAGIC DEATH WHEN THEY PUT HIM ON A SCOTCH PLAID. ///

WE CAN'T LET THE CHAMELEONS IN CONGRESS TALK ABOUT DEFICIT REDUCTION, THEN RAISE TAXES SO THEY CAN LOAD UP THE BUDGET WITH MORE AND MORE SPENDING. WE'VE GOT TO STICK TO WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ELECTED US TO DO: HOLD DOWN TAXES, EXERCISE FISCAL RESTRAINT, AND KEEP AMERICA'S LONGEST PEACETIME ECONOMIC EXPANSION GOING STRONG. AND WE WILL NOT BE SATISFIED UNTIL PROSPERITY REACHES EVERY CORNER OF AMERICA. ///

YOU KNOW, HANK'S DISTRICT HERE IS KNOWN AS "COLORADO'S BREADBASKET," HOME OF YOUR AGRICULTURAL HEARTLAND. SO, AS WORK BEGINS ON THE 1990 FARM BILL, WE'LL BE LOOKING TO HANK FOR HELP. BECAUSE HANK BROWN KNOWS THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO -- FIVE GENERATIONS OF HIS FAMILY WERE BORN AND RAISED HERE. AND HANK UNDERSTANDS WHAT FARMERS ARE GOING THROUGH TO PRODUCE A CROP NOWADAYS. THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS INTRODUCED POLICIES TO BENEFIT BOTH THE FARMER AND THE CONSUMER, AND TO CONTINUE OUR WORK, WE NEED HANK BROWN IN THE SENATE.

WE'VE ALSO INITIATED BOLD NEW ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES TO REDUCE AIR TOXICS AND URBAN SMOG, HELP CLEAN UP OUR AIR AND HAZARDOUS WASTES, AND EXPAND OUR PARKLANDS. THROUGH IT ALL, HANK'S BEEN THERE WITH US.

TAKE A LOOK AT HIS RECORD: HE'S WORKED TO CLEAN UP COLORADO'S DRINKING WATER, AND THROUGH HIS EFFORTS, THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL CLEANUP WAS NAMED TO THE EPA'S SUPERFUND NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST. AND JUST LAST WEEK, I SIGNED INTO LAW HANK BROWN'S BILL TO EXPAND THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. HE BELIEVES, AS I DO, THAT THE FUTURE OF GENERATIONS TO COME DEPENDS ON THE KIND OF COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WE MAKE NOW.

YOU KNOW IT LOOKS LIKE THIS STATE IS ON QUITE A ROLL THIS YEAR. I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE SPORTS PAGES, AND I SEE THAT BILL MCCARTNEY HAS MADE C.U. THE COLLEGE TEAM RANKED FIRST IN THE COUNTRY -- GOING TO THE ORANGE BOWL. /// AND DAN REEVES HAS LED THE DENVER BRONCOS THROUGH A GREAT SEASON, NUMBER ONE IN THEIR DIVISION, MAYBE EVEN HEADING FOR THE SUPER BOWL. /// WELL, HANK BROWN HAS LED HIS DISTRICT THROUGH A WINNING DECADE AS A CONGRESSMAN. AND, NOW IT'S TIME FOR HIM TO LEAD THE STATE INTO THE NEXT DECADE AS A SENATOR. WE NEED HIS ENERGY. WE NEED HIS COMMITMENT. WE NEED HIS INTEGRITY. WE NEED HANK BROWN IN THE U.S. SENATE.

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO THIS BEAUTIFUL STATE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND LET'S GO OUT AND WORK TO MAKE HANK BROWN THE NEXT SENATOR FROM COLORADO. GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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