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VIRGINIA

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: COLEMAN FUNDRAISER  
MCLEAN, VIRGINIA  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1989

Senator Warner, Congressman Bliley, Other outstanding members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation -- \_\_. Mr. \_\_ and other great Virginia Republican leaders.

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((But then I got the word. Found out you were paying \$25,000 a plate not to see me eat -- but to hear me speak. And I was sort of flattered. Until Barbara put things in perspective. "Just think," she said, "how much they'd pay if you promised not to speak.")) ((PAUSE))

((Well, I do promise not to speak too long tonight. After all, your plate is waiting. And there's another factor. I appeared recently at a New Jersey fundraiser for Jim Courter. I don't want to spread my charisma too thin.)) ((PAUSE))

But let me take a few moments to say, first, that I am delighted, as always, to be in America's most historic State. The Commonwealth of conscience and common sense. The Mother of Presidents. And if I could add this personal note: Virginia did its part in 1988.

Second, I want to speak about a good and long-time friend. Like this Commonwealth, our friend is a man of promise and principle. And on November 7, the election of Marshall Coleman as Governor will be a bright new day for the Old Dominion.

It will be a bright day because this election is among the most crucial in America. And what Virginia decides will send a clarion call to every corner of America.

This election will decide whether Virginia chooses moderation, or extremism. And whether it chooses a man of principle -- or one who changes his principles.

This election will decide whether Virginia chooses fiscal sanity -- or the "Tax and spend" policies of trial and error -- and error again.

This election will decide whether Virginia supports a war on crime and drugs. Or whether the Statehouse is captured by liberal policies which blame everyone but the criminal.

Well, I know Virginia. Virginia is for lovers -- those who love respect for law and self-reliance. And tonight, I make this prediction: On November 7, America is going to love what Virginia does.

Thirty-four days from now, Virginia is going to elect a Republican Governor who will be a watchdog for good government in Richmond. As will his two great running mates -- Eddy Dalton, as lieutenant governor. And State Senator Joe Benedetti, as attorney general. Together, protecting the fairness of the reapportionment process. Vetoing liberal legislation.

Thirty-four days from now, Virginia is going to endorse the policies of Main Street -- and reject those who take a turn off that street -- a far left turn.

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Now, Marshall Coleman's opponent is a decent man. A well-intentioned man. He just doesn't realize that the Old Dominion doesn't need old ideas.

On the one hand, Doug Wilder taxes. On the other hand, he spends. He'd like to do more -- but he's only got two hands.

Then we come to the area of crime, drugs, and punishment. And here, too, Marshall's opponent comes out of left field. Some have said Doug Wilder is naive about criminals. I would not make that charge. [PAUSE] . . . Of course, he does think the "Sudden death penalty" is when a football team goes to overcome and is called for clipping.

In 1977, when the Virginia Legislature added the killing of policemen to those crimes subject to the death penalty, only one State Senator voted against it. Marshall Coleman's opponent.

That same year, only two State Senators voted against legislation restoring capital punishment to Virginia. Know who one was? That's right. Marshall Coleman's opponent.

This man voted against denying parole to twice-convicted felons. And against repealing the law requiring early parole of

prisoners left to serve. He voted against imposing a minimum 10-year sentence without parole for twice-convicted armed robbers. And -- incredibly -- he was the only legislator to oppose imposing mandatory sentences under the habitual offender law.

In recent years, of course, Doug Wilder has tried to appear a mainstream Democratic -- and he might be in the mainstream [PAUSE] . . . if Brookline and Berkeley were America. But the non-partisan Virginia Fraternal Order of Police, among others, isn't buying his act.

In 1985, the Virginia FOP endorsed Wilder for Lieutenant Governor. Well, listen to its words last week. "Four years ago," its statement read, "Doug Wilder did not tell us the truth about his weak law enforcement record, about his support for releasing violent criminals early, about his failure to support law enforcement officers when it counted.

The statement continued: "The FOP would not have knowingly supported someone with such a philosophy four years ago, and we will not do so this year. The issue is trust, and the record shows that Marshall Coleman has earned the trust and the support of police officers. Douglas Wilder misled us, and he has forfeited that trust."

Those are devastating words. About a devastatingly bad record. A record of deception. A record that's not good enough for Virginia. This Commonwealth needs a Governor who understands its people and their values. And it's going to get him.

Marshall, stand up [POINT TO COLEMAN]. You're looking at that Governor now.

You know, the writer \_\_\_ once said, "Virginia combines the best attributes one seeks in a State." Well, Marshall Coleman combines the best attributes one seeks in a Governor.

He is, to begin, an experienced man. Marine. A Delegate and State Senator. Prosecutor and Attorney General. He's seen the thugs and con-artists. And permissive Judges letting crooks back on the street. And he has long advocated stiffer penalties for violent criminals, greater certainty in sentencing, and an end to easy parole and early release.

Then, Marshall Coleman is a no-nonsense man. Announcing perhaps the most comprehensive plan for fighting drugs by any candidate in any State. Unlike his opponent, he wants stiff mandatory sentences for drug distribution offenses. And the end of parole that lets hardened drug dealers prey on society. And he knows that currently in Virginia, a 20-year sentence for drug dealing can mean as little as 3 and 1/2 years in actual time served. Marshall Coleman wants to make 20 years mean 20 years. [PAUSE] You might call his 20/20 vision.

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Fellow Republicans, on November 7 America will again look to Virginia for examples. And it will find one in Marshall Coleman. For in a State whose people have been called "the quintessential Americans," he is perhaps the quintessential Virginian.

So let us help him. And his two great running mates. So that on Election Day, Virginia will vote for conviction and common sense. And remain what she has always been. Not merely the Mother of Presidents. In a real sense, as Jefferson said, "the mother of us all."

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VIRGINIA

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: COLEMAN FUNDRAISER  
CHANTILLY, VIRGINIA  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1989  
7:00 P.M.

Senator Warner. Congressmen Bliley, Wolfe, Paris, Slaughter, and other superb Virginia Republican leaders. Congressmen Dornan, Danenmeyer, Bartlett, Sunquist, and DeLay. Pat Robertson. Members of the Redskins. Chairmen Wheat and Smith. And, of course, our magnificent Republican ticket -- Marshall Coleman, Eddy Dalton [and Joe Benedetti].

Gordon [Smith], thank you for that kind introduction. And let me say that as always, I am delighted I am to be in one of America's most historic States. The Commonwealth of conscience and common sense. The Mother of Presidents. And if I could add this personal note: Virginia was a good friend to me in 1988 -- and I thank you for it.

Tonight, of course, we are here to salute another friend -- a good and long-time friend. His name is Marshall Coleman. // And he will be the kind of Governor the people of this great and good State deserve.

You know, that great 19th-Century observer of democracy, Alexis de Toqueville, once asked a local politician to define the role of Governor. And he received this answer: "The Governor counts for absolutely nothing and is paid only twelve hundred dollars." ////

Well, you still can't built an estate off a public salary. Nor should you -- for public office must be a public trust. But let me assure you: Today, the office of Governor counts for a great deal indeed. And let me say further: On November 7, a bright new day begins for the Old Dominion. // The election of Marshall Coleman as Governor.

It will be a bright day because this election is among the most crucial in America. And Virginia's decision will send a clarion call to every corner of America.

Thirty-four days from now, Virginia will decide whether it favors a man of principle. And whether it is serious about fighting a war on crime and drugs.

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America and Virginia great. And I'm here to help them do just that. //

Those values, of course, are up to each of us to uphold. But the Governor of Virginia -- of any State -- has a special role, and responsibility. For leadership in America is not merely, or even mostly, a Federal province. Increasingly, it reflects what Governors do from Concord to Carson City.

In that spirit, two weeks ago at the University of Virginia I convened an unprecedented event -- this Nation's first Education Summit. Where, as always, the Old Dominion was a gracious host. And where America's Governors, each Cabinet official, and I gathered to talk. Think. And exchange ideas.

We talked of how to boost teacher recruitment and retention. And increase the choices for parents and students. Of how best to coordinate the role of Federal, State, and local governments. And instill a drug-free and crime-free environment in our schools.

In short, we talked about how to spur educational reform. And return power to the people. For the truth is that our education system is not making the grade. It is time for change -- perhaps radical change -- to find new ways to improve education performance. For education is our most enduring legacy, vital to everything we are and can become.

The next Governor of the State of Virginia must help ensure that legacy -- acting in tandem with the President, the Congress, and county and local officials, up and down the line. And that's

why we need Marshall Coleman as Governor. For he understands the role of a Governor in uplifting education. And in combating such ills as illiteracy, drug abuse, and crime. And he understands Virginia. And its people. And he mirrors their values. And with your help, he will get the chance to put those values to the full advantage of each Virginian. We need Marshall Coleman in the State House. //

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Barbara and I thank you for what you have done to help Marshall Coleman tonight. God bless you, God bless America, and let's make Marshall Coleman the next Governor of Virginia.

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# DOUG GAMBLE

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TO: KRISTEN GEAR

NOTE: KURT SMITH IS WAITING FOR THIS MATERIAL. PLEASE SEE  
THAT IT GETS TO KRISTEN & KURT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS.

COLEMAN FUNDRAISER

HE'S GOING TO HIT THE FINISH LINE WITH SO MUCH SPEED, EVEN CARL LEWIS WOULD  
BE ENVIDIOUS.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ME CATCHING A FISH ON THE VERY LAST DAY OF MY VACATION,  
THIS WILL BE THE GREATEST COMEBACK OF THE YEAR.

THE ONLY THING FASTER THAN MARSHALL'S FINISH, IS THE RATE OF PROGRESS VIRGINIA  
IS GOING TO MAKE DURING HIS TERM.