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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TAUKE FUNDRAISER  
DES MOINES, IOWA  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1989  
7:00 P.M.

Senator Grassley, Governor Branstad, Congressmen Leach,  
Lightfoot, and Grandy, Governor Ray, Rich Schwarm, 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 <sup>drinking</sup> sipping lemonade on Charlotte  
Mohr's front lawn. Or shooting hoops -- neither prudently nor  
cautiously -- at Janet Metcalf's home 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: Last year you and I  
were driving near Red Oak, when the portable telephone rang.

what?

Keep in mind: I'd been Vice-President for eight years -- and it was the first time the thing ever rang. So I pick it up. Listen. And start to laugh. Would you believe it was a wrong number? They wanted another car.)) //

((Then, there was the time in 1979 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 <sup>Rids</sup> children in Iowa. // And how about all those wonderful trips ~~over Iowa~~ in a single-engine plane. That's the great thing about Air Force One: It has a little more leg room.)) //

<sup>I'm</sup> With memories like these, you can see why I'm so <sup>fond</sup> 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 a brilliant Congressman. He will make a magnificent 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 last year. While Tom was supporting me in the Iowa 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.)) //

(In my defense, though, I've tried to make it up to him. Earlier this year, I took a picture of both Tom and Bev, kissing each other in the Lincoln Bedroom. // Got me to thinking that

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with your support, it won't be long until Tom's opponent will be kissing his Senate seat good-bye.))

I say that because of Tom's not-so-secret weapon -- 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, ~~and other~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~of this state, Helping to~~ working people. Building ~~ing~~ 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 <sup>leaning into the microphone</sup> Joseph started crying, ~~then leaned into the microphone~~ 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.)) //

~~I debate this to show that~~ <sup>I like all of you,</sup> 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 expand economic trade, accelerate arms control, and nurture Europe's tide toward democracy. We need Senators who will <sup>will work help</sup> ~~use~~ America's ~~strength~~ to 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, <sup>responsible</sup> ~~same~~ spending, and lower interest rates. Tom Tauke is 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. And so earlier today I visited a low-income housing section of Des Moines. There, I thought of how our national drug strategy aims 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 <sup>B.F.</sup> lose it to the tyranny of crack and cocaine.

You know, a writer once said of Iowa: "It 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 <sup>can boast the</sup> ~~is~~ third <sup>in the country. You're</sup> ~~in~~ highest <sup>rate</sup> percentage of high-school graduation, <sup>es</sup> tied for first <sup>when it comes</sup> in lowest illiteracy, <sup>rates your number one - all come - you better believe</sup> and <sup>to the</sup> first in high-school testing. We want to do nationally what you have done locally. So we've proposed legislation to give greater choice to parents and students. <sup>To reward excellence</sup> And

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*basic skills?*

*made education reform one of our top priorities and we've*

demand greater accountability. Tom Tauke supports our proposals.

In child care, too, we've put the emphasis on choice. So our legislation will allow ~~parents, not government,~~ to select the best care for their kids. We want child care to reflect the <sup>kind of families values that</sup> Iowa ~~value~~ of extended family. So you know who I asked last year to help draft our proposals? Tom Tauke spoke for Iowa.

Next, let me talk for a moment about ~~agricultural~~ policy and farm bills. Four years ago <sup>(D)</sup> 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 risen dramatically. 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 <sup>remember</sup> recall that next year as we write new farm legislation. Tom Tauke will make a good bill even better.

Finally, our Administration realizes that Medicare <sup>doesn't</sup> ~~isn't~~ always <sup>been</sup> fair to rural hospitals. That's why I'm pleased to have just signed legislation to create more equitable payments between urban and rural areas. Tom Tauke founded the Rural Health Care Coalition which helped draft this legislation. So Tom, in tribute to your efforts, I'd like to give you the pen I used to sign this year's reconciliation act which will make quality health care more affordable to rural America. //

((Now Tom, of course, would downplay all of these achievements. After all, that's the Iowa way: Modest and

*Tauke*

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 palisades of the Mississippi to the ~~hills around Council Bluffs~~ <sup>Flats of the Mighty Missouri</sup>. 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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*to the U.S. Senate.*

expanding ~~and~~ markets for American ag. exports

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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 -- and increase<sup>ing</sup> ~~agricultural opportunity to trade~~. We need Senators who will help America move beyond containment toward a Europe that is whole and free. Tom Tauke will do that. //

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Tom, I've been to all

Last year I came to Des Moines and talked about the challenges facing health care in America, especially in rural America.

Today I am proud to say that we have made substantial progress on the concerns I outlined then. I said Medicare's payment system is unfair to rural hospitals. It still isn't perfect, but legislation I have just signed will make strong strides.

Tom Tauke has been fighting for rural health care, and we should be thankful to him for much of what has been accomplished. This legislation creates a mechanism to review whether hospitals are appropriately considered urban or rural. It helps make Medicare payments more equitable between urban and rural areas.

Tom, you can be proud of what has been accomplished. I want to recognize what you have done by presenting to you the pen I used to sign the reconciliation act. If Tom moves to the Senate, we can be sure that even more will be done to improve health care in this country, especially in rural America.



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# A first for ISU: Chinese pigs give birth

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By DON MUHM

Register Farm Editor

AMES, IA. — Hog history has been made in a small, modern research building a couple of miles southwest of the Iowa State University campus, with the birth of the United States' first litter of purebred Chinese pigs.

Four imported Meishan females bred to imported Chinese boars have farrowed since Friday night, producing 40 surviving pigs, an average of 10 each. That's slightly above the Iowa litter average, which is usually 7½ pigs or so per litter.

The chores for the Chinese pork stork aren't over. Nine more females here at ISU are to farrow by Christmas, with another round of births to occur in February.

The four that farrowed beginning Friday evening were the first of the historic shipment of Chinese porkers brought to the United States and distributed in three Midwest states to produce the first generation of Chinese hogs born in the United States.

### Cute But Wrinkled

The Chinese piglets here are on the cute side, mostly black, with highly wrinkled black foreheads and jet-black snouts, and seem significantly smaller than their American counterparts. Their official birth weights ranged from 1.2 pounds up to 3 pounds, while American pigs generally weigh twice as much.

While there are slightly more brothers and sisters than you'll find in

an ordinary Iowa litter of baby pigs, so far there are none of the super-large litters of the kind that brought worldwide attention to the ancient Chinese breeds.

The failure to produce the giant litters, though, was discounted by ISU animal scientist Max Rothschild. He noted the big litters traditionally aren't seen until later, after the second or third farrowing.

And, the homely wrinkle-faced sows appear to be good mothers who brought in the next generation on schedule without much advance warning.

### Imperfections

Also, just as on most Iowa pork farms, there were early reminders of some of nature's imperfections — a couple of stillborn pigs, a couple of others that died shortly after birth, and, as in most American pig nurseries, a couple of runts.

While the bulk of the newborns seemed to be quite vigorous and boast good appetites, there were a couple of piglets that didn't seem alert, or as hungry as their littermates.

Rothschild, trying to coax one of the listless piglets to eat, placed one skinny young pig close to one of the mother's many outlets in an attempt



Iowa State University's newborn Chinese pigs feature plenty of wrinkles.

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# First Chinese pigs born at ISU

## PIGS

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to entice it to partake, without immediate success.

Later, one of the weaker pigs qualified a commercial "milk-replacer" product rather than go after the real thing, Rothschild said.

Rothschild was a member of the selection team that visited China in March to pick out the 151 head of the old-time Chinese hogs of three breeds. A third of the hogs went to ISU, with the balance going to two other major hog states, Illinois and Nebraska.

Interest in the Chinese hogs stems from their tendency to give birth to litters boasting as many as 16, 17 and 18 pigs. The hogs are also reported to be tolerant of or resistant to some common swine diseases.

Researchers hope to study these traits, and down the genetic road to incorporate some of these qualities into American porkers.

### Quarantined

While ISU animal science officials and reporters were given a brief chance to look at the baby pigs, wearing plastic throw-away footwear and laboratory coveralls, a type of quarantine continues.

The Chinese porkers were quarantined for two months in China and in a U.S. Department of Agriculture importation center in Florida for four months. When they arrived on the campus in late July, a six-month quarantine was imposed.

Despite widespread interest, Rothschild said it will still be "some time before the general public can see the hogs."

So far, all of the older hogs and

most of the baby pigs are in good health, Rothschild reported Monday. There are 22 female Meishan and 18 Meishan boars here. There are also eight Fengjing boars and seven Ming or Minzhu boars.

### Costly Venture

Bringing the shipment of Chinese hogs to the United States cost between \$1.2 million and \$1.5 million, with the expense shared by government and private concerns. Animals were bought in China for about \$3,000 per hog.

Some pork industry officials think the importation of these hogs boasting high prolificacy and disease tolerance or resistance might be as important to pork production as the development of hybrid seed was to corn production in the 1920s and 1930s.

# Bipartisan serenader Magnani writes a song for Bush

When President Bush arrives in Des Moines Friday he'll be serenaded by a woman who was invited to the White House by President Jimmy Carter and who campaigned for Senator Tom Harkin. Carter and Harkin are Democrats and Bush is a Republican.

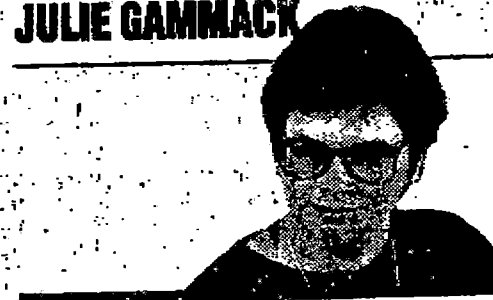
She also worked for Democrat Phil Davitt when he served in the Iowa Legislature.

Mary Magnani, a teacher at Merrill Transitional School, will lead the school's 40-member swing choir in a song she's written especially for Bush called "1,000 Points of Light."

It's a bright, uplifting number that the president ought to get a kick out of. Magnani is quite a pro locally, and she had a successful career going in Las Vegas before abandoning that lifestyle to return to Des Moines to raise her daughter. These days she's performing Friday and Saturday nights at Crimmins Cattle Company on Merle Hay Road.

Magnani's first experience singing for mem-

## JULIE GAMMACK



bers of the First Family was when she led a choir of Norwalk students in a performance for a 1980 visit by Rosalynn Carter.

Bush is coming to town to campaign for U. S. Representative Tom Tauke in his quest to unseat Harkin, so why is Magnani doing this?

"It doesn't matter what your politics are,"

she explained. "It's a chance of a lifetime for the kids to sing before a president."

And, no, even though friends who plan to be protesting outside the Convention Center while Bush speaks have egged her on, there won't be any reference to the pro-choice issue in her lyrics.

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# DOUG GAMBLE

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TO: KRISTEN GEAR

MORE IOWA (Kurt Smith)

WE'RE ALL PROUD OF THE GREAT JOB FRED GRANDY IS DOING, REPRESENTING HIS IOWA DISTRICT IN THE U.S. SENATE. BUT WHEN HE FIRST DECIDED TO RUN, THERE WERE SOME WHO WONDERED WHAT MADE HIM THINK AN ACTOR WOULD HAVE ANY FUTURE IN POLITICS.

I WANT A VOICE ~~XXXXXXXX~~ REPRESENTING IOWA IN THE U.S. SENATE THAT DEFENDS THE IDEALS WE BELIEVE IN. WHEN IT COMES TO SPEAKING OUT FOR MAINSTREAM VALUES, IT'S TIME TO GO FROM SILENT TO TAUKE.

DRUGS MAY COME TO AMERICA FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT IT'S UP TO US TO DEVISE A MADE-IN-AMERICA SOLUTION TO STOP THEM.

AMERICA WILL WIN THIS BATTLE, BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT SPENT 213 YEARS DEFENDING OUR ~~DEMOCRACY~~ DEMOCRACY FROM DESPOTS AND DICTATORS, ONLY TO LOSE OUR COMMUNITIES TO CRACK AND COCAINE.