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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WARNER FUNDRAISER
TYSON'S CORNERS, VIRGINIA
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1990

Senator Warner. Fellow Republicans. Ladies and gentlemen.
__, thank you for that kind introduction. As always, I'm ^{u's get} ^{the whole} ^{u' do}
delighted to return to the Commonwealth of conscience and common
sense. And if I could add this personal note: Virginia was a
good friend to me in 1988 -- and I thank you for it. //

Tonight we are here to salute another friend. He is a man I
trust -- an advisor I rely upon. He has been a great Senator of
a great State. And his record deserves overwhelming re-election.
Virginia's senior elected official -- John Warner. // ^{u' get} ^{the}

((Let me say, first, that it's good to be with ~~you~~. I don't
know if it's true, but there's a rumor that the name "Tyson's
Corners" will soon be changed to "Buster Douglas Corners.")) //

((That would be appropriate, of course: John Warner is an
athlete. // I knew John was here tonight when I saw a horse
being valet-parked outside.)) // But more than that, he's a
Virginian. And represents that unparalleled blend of qualities
that led John Adams to write Patrick Henry, "We all look to
Virginia for examples." //

The first of these qualities is integrity. For as Casey
Stengel would say, "You can look it up": Virginia boasts a
tradition of perhaps unrivaled public probity. Not once in this

century has a statewide elected official even been brought before the Bar. Virginians demand -- and get -- honesty from their officials. //

((Let me tell a story about how John embodies this tradition. Happened in 1978 -- Republican convention, Richmond. Nine thousand delegates. A Saturday night -- and one ballot followed another. // Four candidates vying for the GOP Senate nomination -- no one could get the required votes.

((About 11:30, an aide came up with an idea. "Mr. Warner," he said, "a lot of these delegates won't participate on a Sunday, and not many are backing you. Just filibuster 'til midnight -- then you've got it made." // John Warner's answer speaks volumes about his integrity. "Never," he said. "I'd rather lose the nomination than win it that way."

((You know the rest of the story: John lost, and promptly endorsed Dick Obenshain. The next month, Don died in a plane crash -- and John was nominated and elected. You can see why I say: John Warner is a symbol of Virginia at her best. //

Today, those Virginians who supported others in '78 know John better. They support him, too. First, because of this fidelity to conscience. And second, because of another quality which makes him, as Adams said, an "example" for America: Experience almost unrivaled in the United States Senate. //

Listen to his roll call: Graduate of Washington & Lee and UVA. // And how 'bout those Cavs in the NCAA. // Served in three wars. Been Secretary of the Navy -- and a great Director

of the Bicentennial Commission. // And since 1979 John's been such a superb U.S. Senator that a certain local paper has praised "his breadth of insight and attention to detail." // Just goes to show you: Even The Washington Post is sometimes right. //

((Truth is: It's this very experience which has made John Warner one of only two people who qualify as my senior, intimate advisors with a shock of white hair. // Right, Barbara? // In fact, when I told her I was going to a fundraiser for a gentleman who always stands out on television because of that hair, Bar said, "I didn't even know Phil Donahue was running for something.")) //

Well, he's not. But John Warner is. He's running as a voice of common sense -- that third quality which so typifies Virginia. Running on priorities which are my priorities. National defense. The environment. Education, child care, and law and order. Great goals -- obtainable goals. But only through leadership that brings straight talk and calm thought to this Decade of Decision.

First, we want a strong America -- for a strong America is an America at peace. Some talk of a peace dividend. Let us remember: There is no greater dividend than peace itself. John Warner can help ensure that peace -- in fact, is as ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Forces Committee. And the thing about John is: He takes his role seriously. He has the only parking space at the Capital with a tank parked in it. //

It's been said that no State supports a stronger national defense than Virginia. Well, no Senator better understands that defense than John Warner. He knows how crucial it is to jobs and prosperity -- moreover, to the world's stability. He knows that arms control must be done -- but done right. For he is the only member of the Senate who ever negotiated an executive agreement with the Soviets on national security. And the man I need to speak plainly about START details and our defense budget. You know, John and I are both Navy men. Well, in an age of historic change, let's keep an anchor in the Senate -- John Warner. //

Next, I need to help achieve a clean America. Here in Northern Virginia, you know all the obstacles to a pure environment. ((That's why I'm glad John is fighting to do something about the problem of traffic density. He told me he faces a daily battle against bumper-to-bumper conditions, irate drivers, crashes, and gridlock. And it's even worse after he gets out of his driveway)). //

That's why we have sent Congress legislation to reduce acid rain, air toxics, and urban smog -- yes, the first rewrite of the Clean Air Act in over 10 years. I need John to help protect our environment for decades to come. // And to create a kinder, gentler America, we have proposed legislation to increase child-care choice through tax incentives, not Federal intervention. When it comes to our kids, John and I agree: Let parents, not Big Brother, decide. //

Finally, let me focus on two priorities crucial to Virginia and the Nation: Education and crime and drugs.

Last month I announced the 1990 National Drug Control Strategy -- Phase II of the comprehensive drug policy we unveiled last year. // We're asking Congress to spend over 10 and a half billion dollars in Fiscal Year 1991 for educationa, treatment, interdiction, and enforcement -- about a 70 per cent increase since I took office.

John Warner supports this strategy. Just as he supports such Phase II steps as an expansion of the death penalty for drug kingpins. // And our budget request to increase Federal assistance to States and localities in drug use, prevention, treatment, and law enforcement. // He knows that we cannot afford to soft-pedal the need to be hard on crime. I know the more Senators we have like John Warner, the more quickly we'll take back the streets. //

Finally, we must take back our schools for America's trustees: our kids. Which is why last fall at the University of Virginia I convened an unprecedented event -- this Nation's first Education Summit.

From that summit arose the education goals I announced last month. We must ensure that every student in America starts school ready to learn. And we must see that each school has an environment where kids can learn. That means making every school drug-free. // Our graduation rate must be no less than 90 percent. And we must make diplomas mean something. So we want

U.S. students to be first in the world in math and science achievement by the year 2000. And we must guarantee that each American is a skilled, literate worker and citizen.

John Warner understands that education is America's most enduring legacy, vital to everything we are and can become. For he understands America -- and our priorities as a people. Moreover, he knows how we can achieve those priorities. Through conscience, honesty, and common sense: A metaphor for Virginia.

For more than three centuries, this Commonwealth has been an "example" to America. Just as a United States Senator, John Warner has been an example to us all. So let's roll up our sleeves. And raise this Decade's sights. And keep in the Senate this man who has so enriched his State. God bless you, God bless America, and let's keep John Warner the Senior Senator from the great State of Virginia.

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(Smith/Blessey)
11 A.M.
February 28, 1990
WARNER

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WARNER FUNDRAISER
TYSON'S CORNERS, VIRGINIA
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1990

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Senators Warner, Laxalt, and Dole, and the other members of the world's greatest deliberative body -- tonight, __ in all. Secretaries Derwinski, Luhan, and Skinner. Ladies and gentlemen. John, thank you for kind introduction. // ((Also, I should concede: My introduction to rap)) //

As always, it's wonderful to be back in the heart of America. // We must be at least two or three blocks "outside the Beltway!" // And to return to one of Virginia's fastest-growing cities. // ((I don't know if it's true, but I should tell you: There's a rumor that the name "Tyson's Corners" will soon be changed to "Buster Douglas Corners") //

((The man we honor tonight, of course, is both a fighter and an athlete. // In fact, I knew he was here when I saw a horse being valet-parked outside.)) // He has been an advisor I rely upon -- a great Senator of a great State. And his record deserves overwhelming re-election -- John Warner. //

As you know, John is Virginia's senior elected official. But more than that, he's a Virginian. And he represents that unparalleled blend of qualities that led John Adams to write Patrick Henry, "We all look to Virginia for examples." //

The first of these qualities is honor. As Casey Stengel would say, "You can look it up": Virginia boasts a tradition of public conscience and honesty. Not once in this century has a statewide elected official even been brought before the Bar. Virginians demand -- and get -- integrity from their officials. ✓

((Let me share a story that illustrates this tradition. Happened in 1978 -- Republican convention, Richmond. // Four men vying for the GOP Senate nomination -- no one could get a majority. Late Saturday night -- one ballot following another.

((Finally, about 11:30, an aide suggested an idea. "Mr. Warner," he said, "these are principled delegates. A lot of them won't participate on a Sunday, and a good number aren't yet backing you. Just filibuster 'til midnight." // John Warner's response spoke eloquently about his character: "I'd rather lose the nomination than win it that way."

((You know the rest of the story: John lost, and promptly endorsed Dick Obenshain. The next month, Dick died in a plane crash -- and John was nominated and elected. He stood tall in victory -- and even taller in defeat. John Warner is a symbol of Virginia at her best.) //

Today, even those Virginians who supported others in '78 are backing John. First, because of honor. Second, because of another quality which makes him, as Adams said, an "example" for America: Experience almost unrivaled in the U.S. Senate. //

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((Truth is: It's this very experience which has made John Warner one of only two people who qualify as my senior, intimate advisors with a shock of white hair. // Right, Barbara??)) //

~~His experience ranges from national defense to transportation -- and reflects that third quality which so typifies Virginia: The common sense that will be crucial in the 1990s. //~~

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First, John and I want a strong America -- for a strong America is an America at peace. Some talk of a peace dividend. A reminder: There is no greater dividend than peace itself. John Warner can -- and already is -- ensuring peace as ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Forces Committee. // ((And the thing is: John takes his role seriously. // He has the only parking space at the Capital with a tank parked in it.)) //

Historically, no State has supported a stronger national defense than the Old Dominion. Well, no Senator better understands ^{national} that defense than John Warner. // It's as if John's prepared his whole life to work in partnership with me -- in partnership with America -- to bring our country to a new role of leadership in a world of peace. He knows that arms control must be done -- but done right. // For he is the only member of the

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Senate to negotiate an executive agreement with the Soviets on national security.

Several months ago, John said that, "The world can be free only when free values prevail." I agree. And I'm looking to John to help guide new treaties and new budgets through a new decade of decision. // As you know, he and I are both Navy men. So in an age of historic change, let's keep John Warner's anchor in the United States Senate. //

Next, I need John to help achieve a clean America. Here in Northern Virginia, you know all the obstacles to a pure environment. // Just look out the window at any parking lot. // Next year marks the expiration of the Highway Act -- the plan that built America's InterState Highways. And the Public Works Committee will be re-writing that act. We need John Warner's respected voice on that Committee to ensure a decent respect for Virginia. // ((Only then can we win the daily battle against bumper-to-bumper conditions, irate drivers, crashes, and gridlock. And as a guy said to me earlier: "It gets even worse after you leave your driveway.")) //

Our Administration treasures the environment. So we have sent Congress legislation to reduce urban smog, acid rain, and air toxics -- the first rewrite of the Clean Air Act in over 10 years. // And we want to make lives as free as our air. So to the elderly -- people like John Warner's mother, whom he cared for 'til the age of 97 -- we say: "Let's don't mess around with Social Security." // And for the less elderly, we've proposed

legislation to increase child-care choice through tax incentives, not Federal intervention. // Here, John has a special interest. Last month, he had the privilege of enjoying one of the proudest moments of my own life. He became a grandfather. //

Finally, let me focus on two priorities crucial to Americans of every age: [#] One is education; the other, crime and drugs. ✓

Last month I announced the 1990 National Drug Control Strategy -- Phase II of the drug policy we unveiled last year. // We're asking Congress to spend over \$10 and 1/2 billion in Fiscal Year 1991 for education, treatment, interdiction, and enforcement -- about a 70 per cent increase since I took office. ✓

John Warner supports this strategy. Just as he supports such Phase II steps as an expansion of the death penalty for drug kingpins. // And our budget request to increase Federal assistance to States and localities. // Let others soft-pedal the need to be hard on crime. I say -- as Virginians say: It's time we take back the streets. //

Finally, we must also take back our schools. So last fall at the University of Virginia I convened an unprecedented event - - this Nation's first Education Summit.

From that summit arose the education goals the Nation's Governors and I announced this week. We must see that every student in America starts school ready to learn. And that each school has an environment where kids can learn. That means making every school drug-free. // Our graduation rate must be no less than 90 percent. And we must make diplomas mean

something. So we want U.S. students to be first in the world in math and science by the year 2000. And we must create a Nation of skilled, literate workers and citizens.

John Warner knows that education is America's most enduring legacy. For he knows America -- and our priorities as a people. What's more, he knows how to achieve those priorities. Through honor, experience, and common sense: A metaphor for Virginia.

For over three centuries, this Commonwealth has been an "example" to America. Just as Senator John Warner has been an example to us all. Three times, America called on him in time of war: Each time, he answered with distinction. Today, America calls on John Warner in time of peace. So let's roll up our sleeves -- and again help him answer. Answer for America -- and for the children of the world.

God bless you, God bless America, and let's keep John Warner the Senior Senator from the great State of Virginia.

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(Smith/Blessey)
6 P.M.
March 6, 1990
WARNER

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WARNER FUNDRAISER
TYSON'S CORNER, VIRGINIA
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1990
7:15 P.M.

Senators Warner and Laxalt, and the other 16 members here of the United States Senate. Congressmen Parris, Bateman, and Slaughter. Secretaries Derwinski, Lujan, Skinner, and Watkins. Marshall Coleman. Ladies and gentlemen. John, thank you for that introduction. // ((Also, I might add: My introduction to rap.)) //

As always, it's good to be back in the heart of America. // We must be at least two or three blocks "outside the Beltway." // And to return to one of Virginia's fastest-growing cities. // ((Even though there's a rumor that the name "Tyson's Corner" will soon be changed to "Buster Douglas' Corner.") //

((Tonight's guest of honor, of course, is also a fighter and an athlete. // In fact, I knew he was here when I saw a horse outside being valet-parked.)) // He has been an advisor I rely upon -- a great Senator of a great State. John Warner. //

As you know, John is Virginia's senior elected statewide official. But more than that, he's in the Virginia tradition. And he mirrors that superb mix of qualities that makes Virginians second to none.

The first of these qualities is honor. As Casey Stengel would say, "You can look it up": Virginia boasts a tradition of conscience and public honesty. // From Patrick Henry to Lewis

Powell, the record is clear: Virginians ask -- and get -- integrity from their officials. //

((Let me share a story that illustrates this tradition. Happened in 1978 -- Republican convention, Richmond. // Four men vying for the GOP Senate nomination -- no one could get a majority. Late Saturday night -- one ballot following another.

((Finally, about 11:30, before the deciding ballot, an aide suggested an idea. "Mr. Warner," he said, "these are principled delegates. A lot of them won't participate on a Sunday, and a good number aren't yet backing you. Just filibuster 'til midnight." // John Warner's response spoke eloquently about his character: "I'd rather lose the nomination than win it that way."

((You know the rest: John lost, and promptly endorsed Dick Obenshain, who later lost his life in a terrible accident. The Party turned to John, and he achieved an upset victory in just 11 weeks of campaigning. First in defeat -- and then in victory John Warner was a symbol of Virginia at its best. //

Today, even Virginians who supported others in '78 are backing John Warner. Honor is one reason. Another is a second quality which this State has cherished throughout its history: Experience almost unrivaled in the U.S. Senate. // //

Ask anyone -- John Warner is among our most respected Senators. // Pick any issue -- invariably, he's there with calm talk and reasoned thought. There's a word for that -- and it's the third quality which makes John such a superb public servant: The wisdom that will be so crucial to the 1990s. //

Nowhere is his wisdom more evident than in foreign policy. And nowhere could that wisdom be more important. // Five weeks ago I talked in my State of the Union Address of the "Idea called America." Well, the "Idea called America" is the idea of democracy. // And around the world -- through what I've called The Revolution of '89 -- that idea has allowed brave men and women to conquer bayonets and barbed wire. //

A Hungarian playwright, Imre Madach [IM-reh MAW-dawch], once wrote a work entitled, "The Tragedy of Man." Today, we celebrate the Victory of Man. Look at Berlin, where a wall is falling. And Panama and Romania, where tyrants fell. Look at Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Nicaragua. Or, yes, at the events of just two days this week. //

Who could have dreamt it? On Monday, Romanians toppling a statue of Lenin that had stood in a Bucharest square for 30 years. // And in the Soviet Union last Sunday and over the past few months -- another sight even Ripley wouldn't believe: That Nation's first multi-candidate elections at the local or Republic level. // Think of it: Communist candidates accepting the will of popular ballot -- a ballot which included independent candidates. Even in Moscow, totalitarianism is on the wane -- because of a dynamic Soviet leader willing, as Lincoln said, "to think anew." And because we have been resolute, liberty is on the march -- for a strong America is an America at peace. //

Today, John Warner is encouraging peace as ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Forces Committee. Where he's

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helping arms control get done -- but done right. // John is one of the few members of the Senate who once negotiated an executive, national security agreement with the Soviets. And I'm looking to him to help guide new treaties and new budgets through this new decade of unprecedented change. // But our Administration has still other priorities -- because change here at home is just as important as change abroad. //

The first is the environment. Last week, we reached an agreement in principle with Senate Leaders on the first rewrite of the Clean Air Act in over a decade -- to cut urban smog, acid rain, and air toxics. John helped negotiate it. And like any Northern Virginian, he knows that less traffic congestion is needed for clean air. // Earlier today, Secretary Skinner presented me with our National Transportation Policy. I'm proud to say that it will ensure completion of the Interstate Highway System. // Pioneered, I might add, by that great President -- Dwight David Eisenhower. // And among our policy's many parts will be a strategy to fix roads and streamline traffic. ((Only then can we win the daily battle against gridlock, crashes, and bumper-to-bumper conditions. And as a guy said to me: "It gets worse after you leave your driveway.")) //

Another Administration priority is the elderly. John Warner serves on the Special Committee on Aging. I need him to help stop those who would mess around with Social Security. // And for the less elderly, I need him as Senator to support our bill to boost child-care choice through tax incentives, not Federal

meddling. ((A personal note: Last month, John had the same "child-care" privilege I've enjoyed. He became a grandfather.)
 // Finally, two priorities concern Americans of every age: One is education; the other, crime and drugs. //

In January, I announced the 1990 National Drug Control Strategy -- Phase II of the drug policy we unveiled last year.
 // We're asking Congress to spend over \$10 and 1/2 billion in Fiscal Year 1991 for education, treatment, interdiction, and enforcement -- about a 69 per cent increase since I took office.
 // John Warner supports this strategy. Just as he supports such Phase II steps as an expansion of the death penalty for drug kingpins. // And our budget request to increase Federal assistance to States and localities. // Let others soft-pedal the need to be hard on crime. I say -- as Virginians do: If you do crime, you'll do time. We intend to take back the streets. //

At the same time, we must also take back our schools. So last fall I convened an unprecedented event -- this Nation's first Education Summit -- at the University of Virginia. // UVA's founder, Thomas Jefferson, once said simply, "I cannot live without books." // So we met -- as Jefferson would have wanted us -- to find new ways to propel America's love of learning. //

From that summit arose the education goals the Nation's Governors and I announced recently. Among them: We must see that every student in America starts school ready to learn. And that each school has an environment where kids can learn. That means making every school drug-free. // Our graduation rate

must be no less than 90 percent. And we want U.S. students to be first in the world in math and science by the year 2000. //

Like Jefferson, John Warner knows that education is America's most enduring legacy. // And moreover, that to preserve it we must give our all -- as he did during three separate times of war, and now does in time of peace. //

((Let me close, then, as I began -- with a story: This tale about "giving your all." // Eleven years ago last month, as Virginia's newly-elected Senator, John was scheduled to give the annual reading of George Washington's farewell address. But a snow storm hit Washington -- the worst since 1922. //

((The city was paralyzed -- but not John Warner. So he put on his boots and began the long walk from his home to the Capital. Stopping to push stalled cars -- finally, hitching a ride to the Hill on a tractor still here as a part of a protest by the farmers. To John, such tenacity was all in the line of duty: "If George Washington could make it through Valley Forge," he said, "a freshman Senator . . . could certainly" appear.)) //

After three hours in the bitter cold, John Warner did appear to read General Washington's address. That day was one of many he has made us proud. // So let's roll up our sleeves. And keep in the Senate a man whose honor, experience, and wisdom have so enriched this Commonwealth. God bless you, God bless America, and let's keep John Warner the Senior Senator from the great State of Virginia.

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