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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1992

I am delighted to be in a city the writer John Gunther called "an untarnished jewel." // Four years ago, the South propeled us to victory. This year, it's going to lead us to another great triumph for all the South holds dear. // It is wonderful to be back in the true heartland of America. //

((I suppose you're still reeling from my surprise announcement that I'm seeking re-election. / When I told one of my grandkids I'd be making a formal announcement that I'm running, he said, "Why can't you just put on your athletic shoes and go out the door like everyone else?")) //

((Barbara and I were talking this morning about my trip to Charleston. I asked her how she felt about four more years. She said, "Why, is our marriage license expiring?" // I said: "No, but America's patience with Congress is.") //

((Actually, another great lady is the reason I'm here. I have come to Charleston to announce the appointment of my newest domestic advisor. / Tammy Wynette.)) //

Tammy's theme song, of course, is "Stand by your man." I believe this November America's theme will be: We go back to the future with the Republicans -- or back to the drawing board with the Democrats. // I think Americans will look at our entire

record / our experience / and then decide they want the next four years to be America's finest hour -- not her amateur hour. //

I say this for a reason. First, I'm an optimist. / The way I fish, you have to be. // Next, America knows there's a big problem with letting liberal Democrats quarterback the U.S. economy. Every time they holler "hike," they mean taxes. // The final reason is our recovery program. / The American people have sent an S.O.S. Only Republicans have a plan to act A.S.A.P. //

Last year we liberated a country in the desert sand. This year we must fight to liberate our economic proposals from Congressional quicksand. // You know what I'm referring to: My deadline to pass the economic package I unveiled in State of the Union. March 20th is a modern "D-Day." "D" for domestic -- domestic action / domestic recovery / domestic jobs. //

By passing my program, Congress will send a signal worthy of Richard Petty: "The economy, start your engines." / My plan provides tax credits for first-time homebuyers. / An Investment Tax Allowance. / Research and development expansion. / Reform to make health care accessible, and affordable. // Also, I call on Congress to pass our capital gains tax cut. Remember: Liberals aren't demagoguing this issue because they're afraid it won't work. / They're doing it because they're afraid it will. //

Here's a quote for you. Senator Byrd, liberal Democrat. "There is no certainly no need to hurry and pass this plan." // Really? Talk with an unemployed textile worker in Savannah. / Travel to Mississippi. See the unemployed yearning for a job. /

Senator, take your left-wing colleagues outside the Beltway to Tennessee and Florida and North Carolina and, yes, Arkansas. // People have work in their hearts. My plan will put it in their hands. //

That's why -- remember -- March 20. / Twenty-six days away. // The deadline is dead serious. If Congress doubts me, they're dead wrong. // If the Braves could win the pennant in seven playoff games / if the Redskins could win the Super Bowl in three hours / and if Congress could pass a pay raise in even fewer / here's a chance to earn that raise. // Today, I call on Congress to do the people's business by passing the people's program. //

Here's aristmessage to Congress is: Get on board or get out of the way. // Americans won't tolerate those in Congress who would block recovery for partisan political purposes. / Obstructionists should realize: If you drag your feet -- come Election Day you'll get the boot. //

With passage of our program, we'll be able to say March 20th: "The liberation of America's economy has begun." We will liberate it through my plan's proposals. / Tax credits for first-time homebuyers. / An Investment Tax Allowance. / Research and development expansion. / Reform to make health care accessible, and affordable. // Also, I want Congress to pass our capital gains tax cut. Remember: Democrats aren't damagouging this issue because they're afraid it won't work. / They're doing it because they're afraid it will. //

Some don't understand this. / They hoist the banner of proectionism which would have America wave the white flag of surrender. // Here is my answer: It's the same General McAuliffe said during the Battle of the Bulge: "Nuts." // Isolationism has never been right for America, and it never will. Others may want our national symbol to be the ostrich. I will fight to keep it the eagle. //

I want to be very clear on one thing: We were victorious over Communism -- not just because it fell / but because it was pushed. // Because America was strong -- we were able to help the weak. // In a fast-changing world where the future is uncertain, the state of our defenses must never be. //

Look at the Persian Gulf. / If the Democrats had been in the White House last year, there wouldn't be any talk these days about getting Saddam Hussein out of Baghdad. / We'd be talking about getting him out of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. //

History tells us that when it comes to the military, finishing second means finishing last. // That's why liberal Democrats' proposed \$100 billion dollar defense cuts send precisely the wrong signal to our potential enemies. / I assure you: I'm going to hang tough against those who would hang a "kick me" sign on America. //

We are strong. They are weak. / We want to protect the dollar. They want to destroy it. / We are Main Street. They are so left of the street they have fallen off the highway. //

We love America's general interest. They bow to special
interests. //

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CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1992

Four years ago, the South propoled us to victory. I know this year will bring another triumph to the true heartland of our country. // It's great to be back in the region ^{where I've been in the past} a writer called ^{the South} "not just of America -- America is of it." //

((I suppose you're still reeling from my surprise announcement that I'm seeking re-election. / When I told one of my grandkids I'd be making a formal announcement that I'm running, he said, "Why can't you just put on your athletic shoes and go out the door like everyone else?")) //

((Let me tell you the real reason I have come to Charleston. I am here to announce the appointment of my newest domestic advisor. / Tammy Wynette.)) //

Tammy's theme song, of course, is "Stand by your man." I believe this ^{year} ~~November~~ America's theme will be: We go back to the future with the Republicans -- or back to the drawing board with the Democrats. // I think Americans will look at our record -- our experience / and then decide they want the next four years to be America's finest hour -- not her amateur hour.//

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final reason is our recovery program. / The American people have sent an S.O.S. Only Republicans have a plan to act A.S.A.P. //

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Today, I call on Congress to pass my program and send a signal by way of Richard Petty: "The economy, start your engines." / My plan provides tax credits for first-time homebuyers. / An Investment Tax Allowance. / Research and Development expansion. / Reform to make health care accessible, and affordable. / I also ask Congress to pass our capital gains tax cut. Liberals aren't demagoguing this issue because they're afraid it won't work. / They do it because they think it will. //

((Now, I know things can be misinterpreted. Let me tell you about a woman named Mary Scott in New Hampshire. Her 6-year-old son Ian was watching a TV report that I was going to that state. Ian rushed to tell her the news. // "Guess what?" he said breathlessly. "The President is getting a new hampster.") // How's this for clarity? If Congress thinks my March 20 deadline isn't dead serious, Congress is dead wrong. //

I realize that trying to get Congress to speed up is like trying to get me to slow down. But the time to act is now. We can no longer tolerate a Congress so slow, it would take an hour

and a half to watch "60 Minutes." // Last month, Senator Byrd said, "There is certainly no need to hurry and pass our economic plan." // Let him talk with a textile worker in Savannah. / Go to Mississippi -- where the unemployed yearn for a job. / Let his left-wing colleagues venture outside the Beltway to Tennessee and Florida and North Carolina. / People have work in their hearts. We have a plan which will put it in their hands. /

If the Braves could win the pennant in seven playoff games / if the Redskins could win the Super Bowl in three hours / and if Congress could pass a pay raise in even fewer / then, surely, Congress can do the people's business by passing the people's program. // Americans won't tolerate those who would block recovery for political purposes. / My advice to Congress is: Get on board or get out of the way. //

((This morning Barbara and I were talking about my trip here. I asked how she felt about four more years. She said, "Why, is our marriage licensing expiring?" / I said: "No, but America's patience with the doom-sayers is.")) / They include not only liberals but others who would have America wave the white flag of surrender. / We call them protectionists. To them I say what General McAuliffe did in the Battle of the Bulge: "Nuts." //

Protectionists have never been right for America, and they never will. They believe in isolationism -- in an America running scared. / We believe in ourselves -- in an America standing tall. // We want to increase the __ thousand Southern jobs stemming solely from exports -- and \$__ billion in Southern

goods America exports each year. // Not by building a wall
around America -- but by convinceing other Nations to tear their
walls down. // Protectionists are afraid to fight. I'm like the
 Confederacy: ^{all sympathy} When it comes to principle, I relish it. // ^{of us men} Let's
 build a ^{we'll} level playing field, so that America can outwork /
outproduce / and outcompete any nation in the world. //

What we're talking about is time-honored: The timeless
 values of the South. Mark Twain put it this way: "The
Southernor talks in music." // Aunt Bea of the sainted Andy
Griffith Show meant the same thing ^{pushing} when she said: What matters ^{Lee, she said}
 is "home and people's feelings and how they grew up." // ^{incredibly} Barbara
 is like Gomer Pyle: Barbara "says hey." // You know that our
 friend Ronald Reagan was right: America is a "shining city on
 the hill." // Which brings me the second reason ^{just says he knew the way} 1992 can be our
 finest hour: Americans know that we are divinely blessed -- and
 must carry our gospel to the world. //

Think of the past three years. / Remember how because
America refused to be weak -- we were able to help those less
strong. // We helped freedom in Panama / in the former Soviet
 Union / and in Eastern Europe -- where the walls came tumbling
 down. // We were victorious over Communism -- not just because
 it fell / but because it was pushed. // Six decades ago, Lincoln
 freed the slaves. Today, the South helped free a world. / Here
 is the headline Southernors helped write: The Cold War is over -
 - and America won. //

We won because we knew that when it comes to the military, finishing second means finishing last. / We won because we knew that in a fast-changing world where the future is uncertain, the state of our defenses must never be. / We won because, as ~~any~~ ^{any} Southerner can tell you, a sound bite means less than sound policy. // Look at Panama. / Some believed we should let a dictator maim the Western Hemisphere. We insisted on helping a brave people restore the rule of law. // Look at the Persian Gulf. If the Democrats had been in the White House last year, there wouldn't be any talk these days about getting Saddam Hussein out of Baghdad. / We'd be talking about getting him out of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. //

Over and over the pattern emerges. Liberals believe in eternal compromise. We believe in eternal vigilance. // As long as I am President, I will fight those who would not only reduce America's defenses to pea-shooters -- but also complain that we have too many peas. // That's why liberal Democrats' proposed \$100 billion dollar defense cuts send precisely the wrong signal to our potential enemies. / Don't worry: I'm going to hang tough against those who would hang a "kick me" sign on America. //

Someone once said, "God, as devout and devoted Southerners are sure, took special pains in creating the South." // You want America to be like the South -- strong, not weak. ~~We~~ ^{you} want to expand the economy. Liberals want to constrict it. / ((Even though this is an election year, I received some Valentine cards from liberals last week. I could tell they were from liberals

There you have it: Why I'm optimistic about 1992 --
optimistic about America. Liberals, ^{don't see it that way.} ~~of course,~~ differ. They
 react to optimism the way Dracula reacts to the sign of the
 cross. We're bullish on the future -- and they can't bear it. //

I'm optimistic because of what we've done. We've changed
 the world. / And because of what we're going to do. We have a
 plan to change America. // I'm optimistic because of the things
 I named in my announcement for re-election. We believe in the
big things -- the important things: "Family, home, school --
church, community, country." //

Those values lift us -- sustain us. They make us proud to
 be Americans. They keep America proud. // So let's elect
 officials who believe us we do. Let's send Republicans to the
 Hill -- and get rid of that "malaise majority in Congress." //
 Above all, let's remember the two magic words: "March 20th." //

No, Rome wasn't built in a day -- but by March 20 Congress
 will have had __ days to act. // It's their mistake if they use
 that time the way Nero did. It'll be our mistake if we don't use
 Super Tuesday to vote Republican / revive the economy / and thus
 light a New American Revolution. //

I'm counting on you. So is America. So are our kids.
 Thank you for your kindness / thank you for your support / and
 God bless this wondrous land -- the United States of America.

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