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~~fireworks at the Daytona 500.~~ / But before I do, let me talk briefly about the values which help decency stand tall -- and rebuff those who sell America short. / Aunt Bea said it best. What counts is "home and people's feelings and how they grew up."

I begin with faith ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ family -- and not just the ~~nuclear~~ ^{immediate} but extended family. / When someone in Faith is sick, neighbors bake casseroles ^{if needed, help} and ^(if needed) cover medical expenses. / When someone in Faith loses his job, neighbors provide support and, above all, love. You show why America would be better off if we spent more time caring about each other and less time suing each other. //

This leads to other values. The first is faith in self-reliance. You believe -- as I do -- in equal rights for all Americans -- not preferential treatment for some. / The next is a fidelity to courtesy / to morality / to good versus evil. Some regard principles like TV dinners -- disposable, expendable. You know what I do: They couldn't be more wrong. / Let others support films and TV programs which mock Middle America. I support those who frequent Faith Soda Shop / Hairport / and R&I Variety. / [[]]?

From this springs another small-town virtue: We believe America is special because of fidelity to God. / In this tiny town of 553, each Sunday over 1,200 parishioners attend services. Think of that. Here you will see why according to the Gallup Poll, America is the most religious Nation on earth. //

((Perhaps a small boy best expressed this conviction. "God bless mother and daddy, my brother and sister," his prayer began.

He continued, "And, oh God, do take care of yourself -- because if anything happens to you, we're all sunk.")

Just as faith can move mountains, the American people have mountains of faith. That's why I was repulsed by the recent Supreme Court ruling keeping voluntary prayer out of our nation's classrooms -- and why I throw down the gauntlet: If the Supreme Court won't act, I hope the Congress will. / Today, I call on Congress to pass a Constitutional Amendment -- and I challenge my opponents to support me. I will work until Hell freezes over to bring the Faith of our Fathers back to our schools. //

Faith brings us to a final small-town value: We believe America is divinely blessed. / Some of you may know this -- but I sort of like baseball. [[How many Atlanta Braves fans are out here?]] / In the movie, The Natural, Robert Redford said, "God, I love baseball." (I have been many places, ^{???.???} and nowhere are people more proud to say: "From 1776 to the Persian Gulf, God, I love the United States of America." //

Barbara and I were talking earlier to people who wear ~~our~~ ^{their} patriotism on ~~our~~ sleeve, not just today but 365 days a year. We don't apologize for the mist in our eyes when we hear the Star-Spangled Banner. And we don't apologize for the lump in our throat when we see "Old Glory" flapping in the breeze. /

Here in Faith, you have a small monument in the Legion building, a monument dedicated
~~Not far away is a Civil War statue -- and in Faith are~~

^{to} ~~veterans. -- the living and the dead -- of every American war. /~~
 Here memories run long -- just as principles run deep. Here you know how to answer those who say our magnificent success in

big deal!

"Operation Desert Storm" should be forgotten -- a war in which ___ North Carolinians took part. //

I don't think Saddam Hussein, who might by now have nuclear weapons if it weren't for us, has forgotten it. / I don't think Saudi Arabia, which would have been the next country occupied by the Butcher of Baghdad, has forgotten it. / I don't think the people of Kuwait, who rejoiced at seeing invaders chased from their country, have forgotten it. / And I don't think our victorious fighting forces -- the heroic men and women of "Desert Storm" -- have forgotten it. The planet is a safer place because the world remembers what America is prepared to do whenever peace is on the line -- and liberty is in the balance. //

Today, liberty lives. It lives because of the enduring power of the ~~U.S.~~ Constitution: A sacrament that is sheer genius -- something that can't be said for those who seek to scrap it. /

It lives because we must, and will, maintain a strong defense -- eternal vigilance. / Above all, liberty lives because of what the poet Carl Sandburg said: "The Republic is a dream. Nothing happens unless first a dream." / Ask ~~the world's~~ ^{anyone:} ~~immigrants:~~ Their dreams of hope, opportunity, and freedom continue to make America the most desired destination in human history. //

President Eisenhower often spoke of "the great and priceless privilege of growing up in a small town." Go to Faith or Siler City. You will know what Ike meant. / Travel to Mt. Airy or

Pilot Mountain. You'll see why what Andy Taylor told son Opie -
- "That's a time!" -- is true, too, of America. //

Here you will see a Nation, yes, with faults -- but also a
Nation whose best time lies ahead of us. A Nation with values /
principles / and most of all, with dreams. May God bless you,
and on this day -- the most wondrous Nation on the face of the
earth: The United States of America.

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