

THANK-YOU FOR INVITING ME TONIGHT. I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN MY REMARKS WITH A STORY ABOUT TOURIST WHO WERE VISITING THE GRAND CANYON.

AS THE GROUP WAS LOOKING DOWN THE GRAND CANYON THE GUIDE ASKED, "DO YOU KNOW THAT IT TOOK MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF YEARS FOR THIS GREAT ABYSS TO BE CARVED OUT?"

"WELL, WELL!" EXCLAIMED ONE TOURIST. "I NEVER KNEW THIS WAS A GOVERNMENT JOB."

I BEGAN TONIGHT WITH A STORY BECAUSE THE MAN WE ARE HONORING, ABRAHAM LINCLON, WAS A LOVER OF SUCH TALES.

IN HIS YOUTH, AS A YOUNG MAN AND EVEN AS PRESIDENT HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS ABILITY TO WEAVE A GOOD YARN AND HIS ENJOYMENT OF LAUGHTER.

I BELIEVE LINCOLN'S SENSE OF HUMOR CAN BE DEMONSTRATED BY A STORY WHICH HIS LAW PARTNER, WILLIAM HERNDON, LIKED TO TELL. HE SAID THAT THE CLUTTER IN LINCOLN'S LAW OFFICE WAS A TERRIBLE THING TO SEE AND CAUSED HIS FELLOW PARTNERS CONTINUAL IRRITATION. THE CLUTTER, HOWEVER, DID NOT BOTHER LINCOLN.

HE KEPT ONE LARGE ENVELOPE ON HIS DESK MARKED, "WHEN YOU CAN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE ELSE, LOOK INTO THIS. "

YES, HE WAS A WITTY MAN, BUT HIS LIFE WAS NOT ONE OF GREAT HAPPINESS. ONCE ASKED HOW HE COULD RETAIN HIS SENSE OF HUMOR THROUGH ALL HE HAD EXPERIENCED HE REPLIED, "I LAUGH BECAUSE I MUST NOT CRY. "

LINCLON WAS A GREAT MAN WHO WAS OFTEN DISTRESSED BY THE CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY. THE DESIRE TO IMPROVE SITUATIONS LED HIM TO A CAREER IN POLITICS.

HE DISCOVERED EARLY IN HIS CAREER, HOWEVER, THAT IDEALISM IS DIFFICULT TO RETAIN IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

AS A CONGRESSMAN LINCOLN INTRODUCED A MAJOR BILL THAT WOULD HAVE ABOLISHED SLAVERY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND GAINED SOME NATIONAL ATTENTION FOR HIS SPIRITED OPPOSITION TO WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE THE IMMORAL AND UNNECESSARY MEXICAN WAR.

THIS STAND COST HIM HIS POPULARITY AT HOME AND HE WAS DENIED THE POSITION HE DESIRED--APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

BITTERLY DISAPPOINTED, LINCOLN RETIRED TO PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE BACK HOME IN ILLINOIS.

HE DID NOT, OF COURSE, STAY AWAY FROM THE POLITICAL ARENA FOR LONG, BUT CAME BACK TO FIGHT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HIS VIEWS.

HIS STRUGGLE TO MAINTAIN THIS COUNTRY AS A GROUPING OF UNITED STATES HAS GIVEN HIM A PLACE IN HISTORY. PRESERVING THE UNION WAS A MONUMENTAL TASK--ONE WHICH MUST HAVE COST HIM COUNTLESS HOURS OF WORRY AND TORMENT. BUT BY MAINTAINING THE UNION HE GAVE US ALL A PRECIOUS GIFT. HE GAVE US OUR DEMOCRACY, OUR FREEDOM, HE UNITED US SO THAT WE COULD BUILD TOGETHER A STRONG NATION. HE DID NOT LET US BECOME A GROUP OF LITTLE NATIONS BATTLING EACH OTHER EVERY FEW MONTHS BECAUSE OF JEALOUSY OF GREED. WE UNITED AND WE HAVE THRIVED.

HIS TASK AS I SAID WAS A DIFFICULT ONE. WE ENTERED A BATTLE DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION THAT SAW NORTH FIGHTING SOUTH, BROTHER FIGHTING BROTHER--OUR COUNTRY WAS BEING DESTROYED BY ITS OWN INHABITANTS.

IT IS SAID THAT LINCOLN USED TO PACE THROUGH THE WHITE HOUSE LONG PAST MIDNIGHT DURING THE YEARS OF THE CIVIL WAR. OFTEN HE WOULD KEEP HIS YOUNG PERSONAL SECRETARY, JOHN HAY, AWAKE, LISTENING TO THE FUNNY STORIES THAT LINCOLN LOVED TO TELL. "WITHOUT THESE STORIES," LINCOLN TOLD HAY, "I WOULD DIE."

THE STRAIN OF OFFICE AT THIS TIME MUST HAVE BEEN FANTASTIC, BUT LINCOLN MANAGED TO PULL THIS COUNTRY THROUGH, UNITED.

WE EXPECT QUITE A LOT FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE, AND LINCOLN IS CERTAINLY AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL WE WOULD ALWAYS LIKE OUR PRESIDENT TO BE.

LINCOLN WAS MORE THAN A GREAT PRESIDENT HE WAS A GREAT MAN. ONE HISTORIAN DESCRIBED HIM BY STATING THAT HE "WAS NOT CORRUPTED BY POWER, HE WAS DEEPEMED AND SADDENED BY IT.

HE NEVER LOST SIGHT OF THE HUMAN CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACTIONS.

"HIS UTTER LACK OF PERSONAL MALICE TOWARD EVEN HIS MOST BITTER OPPONENTS IS UNIQUE IN THE ANNALS OF POLITICAL HISTORY.

"HE DEMONSTRATED TIME AND AGAIN THE QUALITIES OF PATIENCE, FORGIVENESS, AND UNDERSTANDING, WHILE HIS ENORMOUS INTELLECTUAL POWER ENABLED HIM TO INSPIRE THE NATION WITH THE MOST SUBLIME PROSE EVER WRITTEN OR SPOKEN BY AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT."

AS CHILDREN WE LEARNED OF LINCOLN AND THE WONDERFUL ROLE HE PLAYED IN OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY. BUT WE RARELY HEARD MUCH ABOUT LINCOLN'S PERSONAL CHARACTER AND VIEW OF LIFE.

I DID A LITTLE BIT OF RESEARCH AND DISCOVERED THAT LINCOLN WAS, AS A YOUNG MAN, CONSIDERED SOFT AND SENTIMENTAL BY FRONTIER STANDARDS. ON ONE OCCASION HE RISKED BEING BEATEN WHEN HE STOPPED A GANG OF BOYS WHO WERE TORTURING A TORTOISE WITH BURNING STICKS.

HE WAS THUS A GENTLE MAN, AND ALSO A PHILOSOPHER, AND A LOVER OF LAUGHTER--GOOD TRAITS FOR A LEADER.

HIS PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE HE PROCLAIMED WITH THE FOLLOWING QUIP, "MOST FOLKS ARE ABOUT AS HAPPY AS THEY MAKE UP THEIR MINDS

TO BE. THANK-YOU. # # #

OUR REPUBLICAN FAMILY MEETS HERE TONIGHT AS OTHERS DO
ACROSS THE NATION TO LOOK BACKWARD THROUGH SEVEN GENERATIONS --
TO VIEW THE BEACON LIGHT OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN -- A LIGHT THAT WILL
SHINE DOWNWARD THROUGH HISTORY SO LONG AS MAN IS ON THIS EARTH.

WE PAUSE TO GIVE THANKS FOR LINCOLN'S PRESENCE . . . TO CHECK
OUR COURSE TO SEE THAT WE HAVE NOT GONE ASTRAY. . . AND TO DRAW
UPON THE GUIDANCE OF THIS MAN TO INSPIRE US, AND TO CHALLENGE US,

TONIGHT, I USE THE FOLLOWING LINCOLN QUOTATION:

"PUBLIC OPINION IS EVERYTHING. WITH PUBLIC SENTIMENT
NOTHING CAN FAIL. WITHOUT IT, NOTHING CAN SUCCEED. CONSEQUENTLY,
HE WHO MOLDS PUBLIC OPINION GOES DEEPER THAN HE WHO ENACTS
STATUTES OR PRONOUNCES DECISIONS."

MY MISSION TONIGHT IS TO URGE EACH OF YOU TAKE PERSONAL
STOCK OF YOURSELF -- AND OF OUR PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICAN FAMILY --
AND MAKE A PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO DO ALL YOU CAN EVERY DAY IN
THE NEXT 10 MONTHS TO MOLD PUBLIC OPINION, AND TO PLACE THAT POWER
BEHIND OUR ELECTION CAUSE OF 1978.

SO VERY OFTEN, WE SELL OURSELVES SHORT. WE ARE NEGATIVE. WE DO NOT REACH OUT TO OTHERS, AND CALL UPON OUR LIFE'S EARNED INFLUENCE WITH OTHERS. AS INDIVIDUALS, WE LEAVE OUR GREATEST POLITICAL POWER UNTAPPED.

AND, JUST AS WE DO THIS AS INDIVIDUALS, WE TOO OFTEN DO IT AS A POLITICAL PARTY FAMILY. WE SELL OURSELVES SHORT. YOU ARE HERE TONIGHT WITH _____ OTHERS OF YOUR REPUBLICAN FAMILY. AND, OUTSIDE THIS ROOM AND WITHIN THE BORDERS OF PENNSYLVANIA IS A MASSIVE ARMY OF REPUBLICANS. WE ARE TWO MILLION, 325 THOUSAND STRONG. THAT IS A LOT OF PEOPLE. . A LOT OF STRENGTH. . . A LOT OF INFLUENCE.

TWO MILLION, 325 THOUSAND PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS. THINK OF IT. IF LAID END TO END, WE WOULD FORM AN UNBROKEN LINE REACHING FROM PENNSYLVANIA TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

BUT, IT IS NOT OUR JOB TO LIE DOWN END TO END AND REACH ANYWHERE. OUR JOB IS TO STAND SIDE BY SIDE, AND UNITE AS AN UNBROKEN FAMILY, AND LEAD PENNSYLVANIA BACK TO THE BETTER GOVERNMENT, AND BETTER POLITICS, AND BETTER TIMES THAT SHE DESERVES.

THAT IS OUR JOB . . . AND ANY WHO LAY DOWN THIS YEAR WILL BE FAILING THEMSELVES, AND PENNSYLVANIA.

WE -- THIS STATE -- ARE IN URGENT NEED OF THE STAND UP VARIETY OF REPUBLICANS AND IT IS MY PRAYER THAT NOT ONE WILL FAIL US. . . THAT ALL WILL LEND WITHOUT RELUCTANCE OR RESTRICTION THEIR TIME AND THEIR INFLUENCE . . . AND BE PROUD AND POSITIVE IN DOING IT.

WE HAVE A HERITAGE OF ETERNAL WORTH.

OUR PARTY'S SERVICE TO AMERICA -- AND THEREFORE TO ALL MANKIND -- IT IS A VITAL PART OF THE AMERICAN STORY. . . THE FULFILLMENT OF DREAMS. . . THE ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN WELFARE. . . THE DEFENSE AND ADVANCEMENT OF LIBERTY. . . THE PRESERVATION OF RIGHT VALUES AND PRINCIPLES. . . THE LIFTING UP OF GOOD GOALS.

IN OUR 122 YEARS OF LIFE, WE HAVE HAD OUR UPS AND DOWNS. . . OUR GOOD TIMES AND OUR BAD TIMES. THEY COME AND GO.

I SAY TO YOU THAT WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD A FULL SHARE OF "DOWNS", AND "BAD TIMES". BUT, CHANGE IS IN THE WIND, AND WE CAN EARN OUR WAY BACK INTO GOOD TIMES FOR OURSELVES AND FOR THE PEOPLE WHOM WE ARE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT, AND TO LEAD WITHIN GOVERNMENT.

THE "BAD TIMES" OF PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT WHICH CRIPPLE PENNSYLVANIA TODAY ARE THE INEVITABLE PRICE WHICH IS PAID WHEN SELFISHNESS, AND ARROGANCE, AND CYNICISM, AND CORRUPTION ARE ALLOWED TO CREEP INTO OUR STATE'S GOVERNMENT.

ORDINARY DUTIES OF GOVERNMENT GO UNTENDED.

CONTINUING NEWS OF A CORRUPTED SYSTEM DRIVE CITIZEN RESPECT FOR GOVERNMENT LOWER EACH DAY.

DIVISIVENESS REPLACES STATESMANSHIP.

PESSIMISM ABOUT OUR FUTURE STATE HEALTH IS SPREAD BORDER TO BORDER.

JOB AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP DOES NOT EXIST. . . . AND JOBS, AND BUSINESS, AND YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FLEE THE STATE FOR OPPORTUNITY ELSEWHERE.

THE HIGHWAY SYSTEM FALLS APART.

LETHARGY PERMEATES BUREAUCRACY.

SLEEZY POLITICS DISCOURAGES CITIZENS FROM PARTICIPATION.

COSTS FOR TAXPAYERS GO EVER UPWARD WITH NO IMPROVEMENT IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

THE STATE'S REPUTATION ACROSS THE NATION IS BADLY DAMAGED, AND WE BECOME THE BUTT OF RIDICULE.

THE PRICE IS BEING PAID BY ALL WHO CALL THEMSELVES PENNSYLVANIANS. . . AND NO DISTINCTION IS MADE BETWEEN MOST CITIZENS WHETHER THEY CALL THEMSELVES DEMOCRATS, INDEPENDENTS, OR REPUBLICANS.

IN ALL PARTS OF PENNSYLVANIA, PEOPLE ARE FED UP. . .THEY DEMAND CHANGE. . . AND THEY OFFER US THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THAT CHANGE. . . AND TO LEAD PENNSYLVANIA AGAIN.

WE CAN OFFER THAT CHANGE. . . AND WE CAN GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF THEIR PARTY LABEL. . . AND WE CAN RETURN TO STATE LEADERSHIP IN NOVEMBER, AND WE CAN FULFILL OUR OBLIGATION TO PENNSYLVANIA AND ALL HER PEOPLE BY DOING A GOOD JOB FOR THEM AS AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD GOVERNMENT.

WE CAN DO THESE THINGS IF WE MAKE A FAMILY DECISION TO DO SO, AND MAKE A SMALL INDIVIDUAL AND POLITICAL FAMILY SACRIFICE. . . A SACRIFICE WHICH INVOLVES THE GIVING OF A LITTLE TIME, AND OUR

HEARTFELT INFLUENCE WITH OTHERS.

WE NEED TO BE UP-BEAT..... POSITIVE..... ENTHUSIASTIC.....
UNSELFISH.

THERE IS AN OLD PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH SAYING WHICH FITS THE
PRESCRIPTION. IT GOES LIKE THIS:

AS YOU WANDER THROUGH LIFE,
WHATEVER BE YOUR GOAL,
KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE DONUT,
AND NOT UPON THE HOLE.

OUR FAMILY IS ABOUT TO MEET IN ITS PRIMARY. . . . TO SELECT THE
FINEST MEN AND WOMEN WE CAN GET TO STAND FOR US.

I AM CONVINCED THAT WE ARE ABUNDANTLY BLESSED WITH TALENT.....
AND THAT WE WILL EMERGE FROM THIS PRIMARY AS A UNITED AND
WINNING PARTY.

SO OFTEN WE CONCERN OURSELVES ONLY WITH THE TOP OFFICES OF
GOVERNOR AND PRESIDENTS IN OUR PRIMARIES.... AND PAY TOO LITTLE
ATTENTION TO THE REST OF THE FAMILY OF CANDIDATES WHO STAND FOR
OFFICE IN THE CONGRESS, AND IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

WE NEED THE VERY FINEST MEN AND WOMEN WE CAN GET TO SERVE IN THESE ROLES, AND COMMIT OURSELVES DISTRICT BY DISTRICT TO DOING A JOB. FOR, WHEN WE AGGRESSIVELY WORK TO EARN STRENGTH ON A BROAD AND DEEP FRONT, WE BUILD THAT VOTER BASE WHICH BRINGS GOVERNORS WITHIN REACH OF OFFICE.

IN EVERY COMMUNITY, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT PARTY OFFICES ARE FILLED. . . THAT WE WILL HAVE CONCERNED AND EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP IN EVERY ONE OF PENNSYLVANIA'S MORE THAN 10,000 PRECINCTS.

WE NEED TO SEE THAT CLEAN MONEY, AND ENOUGH OF IT, IS GENERATED FROM AVERAGE CITIZENS, SO THAT WE WILL BE FAIRLY EQUIPPED AS A PARTY TEAM, AND THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE US AS CANDIDATES HAVE OPPORTUNITY OF ELECTION, AND TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING BURIED BY OPPOSITION MONEY WHICH SEEKS ONLY TO CONTINUE THE PRESENT CROWD IN OFFICE. . . . THE CROWD WHICH HAS SO DAMAGED PENNSYLVANIA... AND WHICH CAN OFFER ONLY "MORE OF THE SAME".

WE MUST MAKE THE BEST OF OUR SELVES, AND OUR PARTY... BECAUSE THE JOB OF PULLING FROM POWER THOSE WHO PROFIT FROM THE MILTON SHAPP BRAND OF POLITICS WILL BE AWESOME.

TODAY, THEY HAVE A POWER MONOPOLY WHICH REACHES FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, THROUGH THE CONGRESS, AND INTO EVERY BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.....AND INTO EVERY AGENCY, BOARD, AND COMMISSION.

BUT, THE PEOPLE DO KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THEM...THEY ARE FED UP ... THEY HAVE HAD ENOUGH...THEY DEMAND CHANGE... AND ASK US IF WE WILL BRING THEM THAT CHANGE.

THERE ARE THINGS WHICH MUST BE DONE.....AND WHICH WILL BE DONE... IF YOU WILL MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT NOW..... AND GET ALL OTHERS TO STAND BESIDE YOU.

FIRST, LET'S MAKE OUR OWN FAMILY GROW AGAIN. THERE ARE NOW TWO MILLION, 325 THOUSAND OF US WHO CALL OURSELVES PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS. LET'S OPEN OUR DOORS.....AND BRING THROUGH THOSE DOORS NEW MEMBERS. THE RANKS OF THOSE WHO ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN PENNSYLVANIA TODAY NUMBER TWO AND ONE-HALF MILLION

SECOND, LET US EXAMINE OUR FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS, AND FELLOW WORKERS, AND MAKE A LIST OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEMBERS WHO DO VALUE OUR FEELINGS.....AND WHO SHARE LIFE WITH US...AND WHO WOULD PLACE VALUE WITH OUR JUDGEMENT.

AND, LET US GO TO THEM NOW. LET US OFFER OUR PARTY TO THEM
IN AN UNSELFISH AND WHOLESOME WAY. LET US ASK THEM TO MAKE US
INTO THE INSTRUMENT FOR CHANGE.....AND LET US NOT LET THEM FORGET
THAT WE ARE THE ONLY SUCH INSTRUMENT WHICH CAN BRING CHANGE TO
THE CAPITOL WITHOUT COMPROMISES.....EQUIVICATION.....OR DELAY.

LET NOT ONE OF US LAY DOWN...END TO END.....OR IN ANY OTHER
FASHION.

LET EVERY ONE OF US STAND UP...AND STAND BESIDE ONE ANOTHER..
AND MOLD PUBLIC OPINION BEHIND OUR GOOD CAUSE, AND THEN SEE
THAT SUCH OPINION IS BROUGHT TO THE POLLS THIS FALL.

I CLOSE BY SIMPLY RESTATING THE ADVISE OF HIM WHOM WE
HONOR TONIGHT -- ABRAHAM LINCOLN. LISTEN TO HIS WORDS AGAIN....

"WITH PUBLIC SENTIMENT NOTHING CAN FAIL,

"WITHOUT IT, NOTHING CAN SUCCEED".

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