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Response to Distinguished Service Award by Mrs. Robert Morgan

Thank you. I feel quite humble and proud that you have so honored my husband. I know he wishes he were standing here tonight. He tried very hard to find some way to reschedule his previous commitment so that he could be with you. He, as I do now, felt a sense of humility and pride at having been selected by the alumni of Pembroke University for this award. As you know, he has always had a strong affinity for the smaller universities of the east and west, and has watched their growth with as much enthusiasm as if he were an alumnus of each. And, if I might boast for a moment, not only has he "watched," but by his work in the Legislature, has contributed to that growth.

Your selection of him for the Distinguished Service Award meant so much to him because of the word "Service." He was very grateful for this recognition. Anything that he has ever gone into or accomplished has been with the idea of rendering service. Selfish interest and ambition might carry some into politics, but his entry into the political arena was because of a sense of citizen responsibility and service. That really is what politics is all about - responsible citizens answering the call

of community needs.

I am so glad that Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ pointed to the service of the Consumer Protection Division within the Office of Attorney General. He is particularly proud of what this Division has done, and even though it is still in its infancy, it is performing a real service, and becoming what he had hoped it would be - an advocate of the people.

One of his favorite stories when he is telling of the service of the Consumer Protection Division is the story of the fisherman. The large cases get the publicity but there are many small matters where the division steps in and helps.

Back in 1964, a man from the east caught a 23-inch bass. As any prideful fisherman would do, he decided to have it mounted, and paid \$5.00 down to a firm for this purpose. Months went by and no fish! He had written many letters, but to no avail. Finally in desperation - his friends kept questioning his verity - he contacted the Consumer Protection Division in May of 1969. A letter was written to the firm and in December of '69, the gentlemen finally received his 23-inch bass.

In his letter of thanks he said that not only did the Consumer Protection Division help him save face, but also solved his problem of what to give his wife for Christmas!

Now, while I would agree that probably his wife was not overwhelmed with the service of the Consumer Division, the office was the advocate for the fisherman and just as important, he had a place to turn in his dilemma.

Thank you for this award. We are both grateful - for his honor is also the honor of his family. This Distinguished Service Award presented by our friends from Pembroke will always inspire us to take that one more step to serve.

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