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REMARKS BY SENATOR ROBERT MORGAN
NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
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FELLOW DEMOCRATS:

THANK YOU FOR GATHERING HERE TODAY AND FOR ASKING ME
TO BE WITH YOU AND TO HAVE A SMALL PART ON THIS OCCASION.

YOU HAVE GIVEN ME A MOST PLEASANT TASK, AND FOR THAT
I THANK THOSE WHO ARRANGED THIS PROGRAM.

THIS HAS BEEN A BANNER YEAR FOR NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS.

WE HAVE SEEN THE PRESIDENT, WHO IS BATTLING AS HARD
AS HE CAN IN WASHINGTON TO BALANCE THE FEDERAL BUDGET, GET
AN ENERGY PROGRAM THAT WILL HELP FIGHT INFLATION, AND PRESERVE
PEACE IN THE WORLD, COME INTO OUR STATE TO HELP OUR DEMOCRATIC
CANDIDATES.

WE HAVE SEEN THE VICE PRESIDENT COME, AND WE HAVE
WELCOMED THE FIRST LADY. OTHERS IN HIGH NATIONAL OFFICE
HAVE BEEN WILLING TO HELP.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INTRODUCE ANOTHER HONORED GUEST
TODAY, AND HE IS MORE THAN A GUEST-- HE IS A NEIGHBOR.

HE COMES FROM A NEIGHBORING STATE AND HE IS LITERALLY A
NEIGHBOR OF MINE IN WASHINGTON, AS OUR OFFICES FACE EACH OTHER
ACROSS THE HALL IN THE SENATE OFFICE BUILDING.

THERE IS ANOTHER THING THAT IS SINGULAR ABOUT HIS
APPEARANCE TODAY. THIS HAPPENS TO BE HIS BIRTHDAY.

THE LAST TIME HE MADE A PUBLIC APPEARANCE ON HIS BIRTHDAY
WAS IN 1976 IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND HE WAS IN COMPANY WITH

A DEMOCRAT ON THAT OCCASION, ON THE PLATFORM WITH HIM THAT DAY WAS ANOTHER CANDIDATE, A FORMER GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA, NAMED JIMMY CARTER.

THEY BOTH DID VERY WELL IN THE ELECTION THAT YEAR.

OUR GUEST TWO YEARS AGO PERFORMED SOMETHING OF A POLITICAL MIRACLE.

A MEMBER OF A NASHVILLE LAW FIRM, HE WAS THE SEVENTH DEMOCRAT TO ENTER THE PRIMARIES AND THE POLLS SHOWED WHEN HE ENTERED THAT ONLY TWO PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE OF TENNESSEE HAD EVER HEARD OF HIM.

AND AFTER HE HAD WON THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION, THE POLLS SHOWED THAT HE WAS 30 POINTS BEHIND THE REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT AT

THE START OF THE GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

BUT HE IS A FIGHTER, AND HE WON.

I THINK I HELPED GIVE HIM A FINE BIRTHDAY PRESENT BY
HELPING TO GET HIM HERE, BECAUSE I CAN'T IMAGINE A BETTER GIFT
THAN THE CHANCE TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS.

SO NOW IT IS MY PLEASURE AND MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT TO
YOU THE DEMOCRATIC SENATOR FROM OUR NEIGHBOR STATE OF
TENNESSEE, MY FRIEND SENATOR JIM SASSER.

JIM, IT'S ALL YOURS.