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## Queens Rally Speech

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REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE GERALDINE A. FERRARO

JULY 31, 1984

QUEENS, NEW YORK

Thank you, Governor Cuomo. Nobody has done more than you to restore respect for true family values in this country. New York is proud of your leadership and your vision.

I also want to say a word to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a man who understands and cares about and fights for this country's security in a dangerous world.

Pat, we've worked together well in Congress for a better New York. In my new job as Vice President, and presiding officer of the U.S. Senate, I know we'll continue to work together for a better New York and a stronger America.

To Mayor Koch, and to all my friends and colleagues who are here today, and especially to the people of Queens, I'm proud to be from the greatest borough in the greatest city in the world -- Queens, New York City.

Let me tell you. There's no way I could have left my heart in San Francisco. Because I love New York.

Two and a half weeks ago, I visited Elmore, Minnesota. Vice President Mondale wanted to introduce me to the people of Elmore -- to give me the chance to meet his people.

At the same time, I invited Fritz to come to Queens, to let me introduce him to my people. Of course, it's not quite the same thing. I had never been to Elmore before. But just three months ago, the people of Queens joined all New Yorkers in giving Fritz a big win in our state's presidential primary.

New York voted for Fritz Mondale because New Yorkers love a fighter. And through all his career, Fritz has been a fighter.

As Attorney General of the State of Minnesota, he fought for justice that was tough but fair. Fritz believes, as we believe, that if you obey the law you should be protected. But if you break the law, you must pay for your crime.

As U.S. Senator for twelve years, he fought for education and arms control. Education for our children, so they could grow up to shape for themselves a better future. And arms control for our nation, so for our children to shape. For our children to shape.

As Vice President, he fought to bring two ancient enemies together in peace at Camp David, and not in war in the Middle East.

And as President, Fritz Mondale will fight for a more competitive, tougher, fairer America. We're going to fight, and we're going to win, and we're going to have the kind of America we believe in.

New Yorkers know Walter Mondale -- we know what he stands for. We know what kind of man he is, and what kind of President he will be. We know he will fight for our values, because they are his values too.

You know what they are. Hard work -- and plenty of it. Pride -- the kind that comes from earning your own way. Opportunity -- the promise that nobody will be denied a fair chance. Security -- parks your kids can play in and streets we can walk on. Patriotism -- love of our country, and the special pride we have in our flag. And hope -- hope that our children and their children will have a better and more prosperous and more secure future than we have had.

Those are the values that my mother taught me, and that my husband John and I have taught our children. They are the values that Americans everywhere share. And they will guide a Mondale-Ferraro Administration.

For the last six years, I have had the honor and privilege of representing the people of New York's Ninth District in Congress. For the next eight years, Fritz Mondale and I will represent you and

people like you from all over America, as President and Vice President of the United States.

In the past two weeks, I have been heartened by the flood of warm wishes and encouragement I have received from all over this country, and especially from my own people here in Queens. I have taken strength from all your support, and I am grateful.

There is one particular letter, from a constituent of mine, that captured what we will try to do in this campaign. The letter was from Mr. Lester O'Rourke of Jackson Heights.

First, he congratulated me on being the first woman nominated for the office of Vice President by a major party. And then he wrote this:

"You are a credit to those who formed you, and taught you, to your country and to your God."

That's what the campaign of Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro is all about. That's the standard we will strive to reach as we travel across America. With your support and your help, we can do it, and we can lead this country.

It is my pleasure to present a leader for America's future, a friend of New York, the next President of the United States, Walter Mondale.