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## National Women's Political Caucus Remarks

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NEW YORK STATE CHAPTER OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS  
BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1984

THANK YOU, IRENE, FOR THAT GREAT INTRODUCTION. IRENE NATIVIDAD (nə-teev-ee-DOD) IS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO MANAGES TO BE EVERYWHERE, AND DO EVERYTHING, AT ONCE. HER WORK WITH THE NATIONAL CAUCUS, AND WITH THE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE'S ASIAN/PACIFIC CAUCUS IS AN EXAMPLE TO ALL OF US.

I ALSO WANT TO SAY WHAT A GREAT JOB MAUREEN GRINNAN IS DOING AS CHAIR OF THE NEW YORK CHAPTER. UNDER HER LEADERSHIP, I HAVE A FEELING THAT WOMEN ARE GOING TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN NEW YORK THIS YEAR.

YOU KNOW, I FEEL RIGHT AT HOME IN THIS ROOM. IT FEELS GREAT TO BE IN THE COMPANY OF SO MANY NEW YORK LEADERS--LEADERS WHO HAPPEN TO BE WOMEN.

AND LET ME LET YOU IN ON A NOT-SO-WELL-KEPT SECRET: WE NEED YOU. AMERICA NEEDS MORE WOMEN IN POLITICS. WE NEED MORE WOMEN VOTERS, MORE WOMEN JUDGES, MORE WOMEN MAYORS AND MORE WOMEN GOVERNORS. AND I FOR ONE DON'T FEEL THAT 22 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE IS ENOUGH. AND PRESIDENT REAGAN SHOULD KNOW THAT'S ONE DEFICIT WE DEMOCRATS WE'LL BE GLAD TO REDUCE.

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I'M SO HAPPY I COULD BE HERE TODAY TO TELL YOU ALL IN PERSON HOW GRATEFUL FRITZ AND I ARE FOR YOUR ENDORSEMENT. YOUR CHAPTER'S DECISION TO BREAK WITH PRECEDENT SHOWS THAT ALL OF YOU IN THIS ROOM RECOGNIZE WHAT IS AT STAKE IN THIS ELECTION. BECAUSE ON NOVEMBER 6, AMERICA'S WOMEN AND MEN WILL CHOOSE A NEW PATH, AND A NEW FUTURE OF EQUALITY AND HOPE.

IF THERE'S ANYONE LEFT IN NEW YORK WHO STILL DOESN'T TAKE WOMEN SERIOUSLY, LET THEM WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER 6. AND WE'LL SHOW THEM JUST HOW SERIOUS WE ARE.

IF ANYONE SAYS IT'S TOO EARLY FOR A WOMAN VICE-PRESIDENT, I SAY YOUR CLOCK IS SET FOR THE PAST.

IT TOOK NEARLY TWO HUNDRED YEARS BUT FINALLY, IN 1984, WE GOT A CANDIDATE WITH THE COURAGE AND GUTS TO BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS. WALTER MONDALE GAVE WOMEN ALL OVER OUR NATION NEW HOPE WHEN HE ASKED ME TO BE HIS RUNNING MATE. AND IN THAT ONE MOMENT, HE MADE MORE PROGRESS THAN RONALD REAGAN HAS IN FOUR, LONG YEARS.

DURING THE TIME THE REPUBLICANS HAVE RULED THE ROOST, THEY'VE COMPILED A RECORD OF RETREAT...OF SPURNING THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT...OF FIGHTING PAY EQUITY AND SLASHING FEDERAL DAY CARE FUNDS...OF PUSHING MORE SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES BELOW THE POVERTY LINE...OF DRESSING THE WINDOWS WHILE GUTTING THE STORE. AND THAT REAGAN RECORD IS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO OUR NATION, AND A PERMANENT STAIN ON THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

IT IS A SAD DAY WHEN ONE OF THIS COUNTRY'S POLITICAL PARTIES  
LOSES SIGHT OF TRADITIONAL AMERICAN VALUES--VALUES LIKE  
OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AND REWARD FOR HARD WORK.

WELL, I SAY LET THEM RETREAT. WE DON'T NEED THEM. WE HAVE  
EACH OTHER. AND WORKING TOGETHER, WE WILL MARCH ON WITHOUT THEM.  
AND WITH YOUR HELP--STARTING NOW, AND WORKING EVERY DAY UNTIL  
NOVEMBER 6--LEAVE THEM INHALING THE FOUL FUMES OF THE PAST, WHILE  
WE STRIDE INTO THE CLEAR AIR OF THE FUTURE.

YES, THINGS WILL BE A LOT DIFFERENT IN WASHINGTON A YEAR FROM  
NOW.

WE WILL HAVE LAUNCHED OUR PROGRAM TO ACHIEVE PAY EQUITY.

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR DAY CARE WILL BE RESTORED.

OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM WILL BE BACK ON TRACK, OPEN NOT TO  
EVERYONE WHO CAN AFFORD IT, BUT TO EVERYONE.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WILL ONCE AGAIN BE FIGHTING FOR  
JUSTICE.

AND WE'LL BE ACTIVELY CAMPAIGNING TO PASS THE ERA.

BUT IT WON'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU. AND I DON'T SAY THAT TO  
FLATTER YOU OR SCARE YOU. I SAY THAT BECAUSE IT'S TRUE. WE NEED

YOUR HELP.

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, WHEN DEMOCRATS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY WILL REGISTER THE VOTERS WHO WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN NOVEMBER.

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON OCTOBER 7, WHEN "AMERICANS FOR MONDALE-FERRARO" WILL GATHER IN 20,000 HOMES ACROSS THIS NATION TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

AND WE'LL NEED YOUR HELP ALL THE WAY TO ELECTION DAY, TO MAKE SURE WE GET OUT THE VOTE.

AND WHEN WOMEN CAST THEIR VOTES IN RECORD NUMBERS THIS YEAR--THEY WILL DO SO NOT FOR NARROW, PAROCHIAL CONCERNS, BUT FOR THE MOST PATRIOTIC REASONS: DEDICATION TO PROGRESS AND HOPE FOR THE AMERICAN FUTURE.

WHEN WE VOTE IN NOVEMBER, WE WILL VOTE TO BRING DOWN THE REAGAN DEFICITS AND START A RECOVERY FOR ALL AMERICA.

WE'LL VOTE TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT.

WE'LL VOTE TO EDUCATE ALL OF OUR CHILDREN, AND TO OPEN NEW DOORS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

AND--MOST IMPORTANTLY--WE'LL VOTE TO INVEST LESS IN THE ARMS

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RACE AND MORE IN THE HUMAN RACE. WE'LL VOTE FOR OUR PLANET,  
OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN.

JOIN US TODAY, AND TOMORROW, AND THE DAY AFTER THAT. AND  
EVERY DAY UNTIL THE ELECTION, AND THEN AFTER. WITH YOUR HELP,  
WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN WIN THIS ELECTION--AND BUILD A JUST AND  
STRONG AMERICA.

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