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Jim Hansen's elected public service began over 42 years ago when he set out to fix the Farmington water system. The Mayor told Jim, "If you want to fix the water system, run for the city council." All of you who know Jim know what happened next, he accepted the challenge, became the youngest member ever elected to city council and fixed the water system.

But Jim's service to his country goes back even further. Serving as a member of the Naval Reserve, Jim was called to active duty during the Korean War. He was assigned to Air Training Units in Hutchison, Kansas where he served as an airman maintaining multi-engine patrol aircraft like the PB4Y. Planning to enter the Naval Cadets program and begin flight school, the war ended. Instead, Jim returned to Utah to complete his degree at the University of Utah, married and began a successful business career as an insurance agent and land developer.

After serving twelve years on the Farmington City Council, Jim was elected to the Utah House of Representatives. There, he served for four terms, and was Speaker of the House the last two years. In 1980, Jim was elected to Congress. He has served the people of Utah and the country with great distinction for the past 22 years.

The first representative from Utah to chair a full Committee, Jim has served as Chairman of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and is currently serving as the Chairman of the House Resources Committee. He is the third ranking member of the Armed Services Committee, and has been assigned to many important task forces and commissions over his 22 year tenure on Capitol Hill. Prior to chairing the full Resources Committee, Jim served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands for six years.

As Chairman of the Resources Committee, Jim has promoted environmentally sound multiple-use of public lands, stopped the implementation of Secretary Bruce Babbitt's re-inventory of BLM lands in Utah, has passed numerous wilderness bills nationwide, and is actively involved in developing a sound energy policy for the United States.

A native Utahn, Jim was born in Salt Lake City, graduated from the University of Utah, and has made his home in Farmington, Utah. He is married to Ann Burgoyne Hansen and is the father of five and the grandfather of nine.

THE ARTIST
MICHAEL DEL PRIORE

Michael Del Piere, a national award winning artist, is a native South Carolinian and is in the front ranks of American portrait painting. Prominent work can be seen in major capitols, supreme courts, universities, banks, hospitals, board rooms, offices and private homes. Commissions total over 600, including the following distinguished individuals: The Honorable Henry Hyde, The Honorable Robert Smith, The Honorable Gerald Solomon, The Honorable Bob Stump, and The Honorable Bill Young.

With a background in illustration work and further studies with nationally acclaimed artists, a sure foundation for portraiture was provided. Michael studied at the National Academy in New York with Everett Raymond Kinstler and New York Academy with Nelson Shanks. Further accomplishments were attained by teaching at the University of South Carolina and the Columbia Museum of Art, also giving lectures and demonstrations to art and civic groups. His affiliations are: Board of Directors of American Society of Portrait Artists, a member of the Artists Fellowship Society of New York, and in the Who's Who of South Carolina Artists.

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Mr. FIELDS. May I have your attention, please.

My name is Jack Fields. I am a former Member of Congress, and I am here tonight with my Co-Chairman, Ron Packard, also a former Member from California. On behalf of Ron, myself, and the Hansen family, I would like to welcome everyone to this very auspicious occasion, the unveiling of a portrait of our friend, James V. Hansen.

We have several very important speakers tonight. Some have airplanes to catch. So we are going to be as expeditious as possible.

First of all, I would like to call on an unexpected guest, but a very important guest, the Governor of Utah, Mike Leavitt.

REMARKS OF GOVERNOR MIKE LEAVITT

Governor LEAVITT. I am here tonight representing the people of Utah. It is appropriate that the portrait of Jim Hansen hang in this Chamber, but it also should be recognized, and it is recognized widely, that in the 106-year history of our State, one would not find another person who has had a more marked impact on the State of Utah than Jim Hansen.

And I will simply quote the great western novel, "Shane," which said, "A good man rode out of the West one day," and that man was Jim Hansen.

Mr. FIELDS. The great Governor of Utah should be followed by a great Texan, the distinguished Majority Leader, Dick Armev.

REMARKS OF HON. RICHARD K. ARMEY

Majority Leader

Mr. ARMEY. Well, let me just say how proud I am to be included in this. Jim, congratulations to you. And, ma'am—I am from Texas, ma'am; if I had a hat, we would make that complete.

But I want to say, I thought so hard about this. How can you possibly pay your compliments and your appreciation to Jim Hansen? And it finally came to me about 2 o'clock, Jim, while I was walking from one building to another. You know, in this House of Representatives that we all love so much, we cannot honor you without burdening you. Aren't we amazing about that? And, Jim, as a fellow who has accepted the burden so many times—not very many people remember this; Jim does—when we took over the majority, our Speaker was under serious pressure—there was a real problem.

I had as one of my first obligations the selection of a Committee on Ethics and Standards. I had to rack my brain, where can I possibly go? The first person that I thought of was Jim Hansen. The first thing I realized is, he has already done that. He had already, in the most difficult circumstances, accepted the responsibility that comes with the trust of your colleagues.

Imagine that—all of us—all of our colleagues saying, we want to turn to this man to be the Chairman of the Committee that will judge us. Imagine the trust that we, as a body of people, put in him. I think it is one of the most extraordinary trusts that a body could put in another person.

So in full knowledge that he had already done his time, I went to Jim and I asked him to accept this responsibility again, anew, under different circumstances. We were an untried, new majority.

And Jim did that; and his service to our body, his service to his Nation, his service to his colleagues and his service and allegiance to personal standards of conduct that are beyond question was exemplified once more.

And, Jim, we appreciate it. You have always been that person for us, and we love you.

Mr. FIELDS. A great Governor, who was followed by a great Majority Leader; the only thing we can do now is welcome the greatest Speaker in congressional history, the Honorable Denny Hastert.

REMARKS OF THE HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

Speaker of the House

Speaker HASTERT. I just want to say thanks for including me.

And, Jim, you know, I remember watching an old Irish movie—it wasn't old; it was a couple of years ago—and one of the main lines in the movie is that, probably the greatest honor a man could have is to sit in the front row at his own funeral and hear all the good things that people say about him.

But, that is very difficult to do, so this is probably the closest thing you are going to have.

I remember Jim gave me some advice when I first became Speaker. He said, you have got a lousy job, but do the best you can. And I think

that came from another time when Jim was Speaker of the Utah House.

I get a chance to go to Utah from time to time. We visit, and the Governor and I had a great visit; and, when I was in Utah this last summer—Jim, you were off at some important meeting—a trip, I think. But anyway everybody in Utah was saying, we are certainly glad that Jim can have a future. But they certainly were unhappy that you were leaving the Congress because they knew that in Jim Hansen, they had somebody in the U.S. Congress that they could trust, that served their best interests, the people of Utah. And you certainly did, with the highest level of service and integrity.

I think a lot of these things have already been said, and I say “Amen” to everything that Dick Armey said, that when we looked for somebody to lead us, somebody to have the utmost, highest standards in the Congress and in our Ethics Committee, to lead us through sometimes pretty tough situations, they turned to you.

And, Jim, I know I asked you in the last tough time that we had a couple of months—or a month or so ago, when we had one of those hearings on the floor, I turned to you to have the gavel, to lead this Congress and to be that person, to be able to lead us through that. And I appreciate your efforts.

I certainly appreciate the efforts that you have made on your Committee and the work that you have done on both Interior and Armed Services. It has always been quality work. There is never a question about where your interests are, and that is with your constituents and the people of this country. You have served them well. You have been a wonderful Member, you have been a great Chairman; and we are going to miss you.

Last night we were at Jim Sensenbrenner’s unveiling, and I said, You are going to make some people uncomfortable with Jim Sensenbrenner looking over their shoulder for the next two or three decades. But I think you will make people very comfortable, looking over their shoulder.

Jim, thank you.

Mr. FIELDS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I think a real testament to the Chairman is the number of people who are here tonight in leadership. And what many of you may not know is that one of our leaders, the Majority Whip, delayed his flight back to Houston just to be here, so it is my honor and distinction to introduce our Whip.

REMARKS OF HON. TOM DELAY

Majority Whip

Mr. DELAY. Thank you very much. It is hard to add to the eloquence of the Speaker and the Leader and the Governor of Utah, but let me

just say, there is—to all of us that serve in this House, none of us can do it without the sacrifices of our family and our spouses; and you know what most people don't realize, that haven't served in this body, our spouses become everything—the chauffeur, the accountant, the plumber, the baby-sitter, everything. They do everything to allow us to do what we do.

And there has been no bigger sacrifice; and we thank you so much, Ann, for the sacrifice that you made for his family, Jim's family. We really appreciate you.

I—you know, there is no greater joy than to serve on Capitol Hill. It is not the grandeur of this building; it is the joy of serving with people of principle. And you know, you get up every morning, and you live with these people and share the—life's ups and downs, and are able to fight the battles on principle.

What gets me up every morning and brings me back to this building is the service with people of great moral integrity and great principle. And I have got to tell you, there is no one in this body that exhibits moral integrity and principle like Jim Hansen. He is a standard for this body. He is a role model for all of us and has been a role model for us.

It is part of what we have to endure when we have people of the quality that we have in Jim Hansen and they decide to retire. It is part of this place, and it is something that we have to put up with; but I have got to tell you, it has been, at least in my 18 years of being in this body, a real pleasure and a joy to fight those battles of principle with a man like Jim Hansen.

Thank you, Jim.

Mr. FIELDS. I would now like to introduce a quiet man from Alaska, the Chairman of Transportation, Don Young.

REMARKS OF HON. DON YOUNG

Chairman, Committee on Transportation

Mr. YOUNG. Thank you, and it will be short.

Jim, I can only say I feel like George Patton. I needed a good captain beside me, and you are a captain that became the general. I want to congratulate you on a very good job, and we are going to miss you.

I will tell you, though, this is fleeting. I was hanging right back there where the cowboy picture is. That is where you will be hanging when we unveil this. It is very good.

But the day after I got out of office, I was put over here in the corner by you. It is fleeting, believe me.

But the only thing I would like to suggest before—and I say this in respect to my good friend, George Miller—he was over me long enough, and I would like to be over him while you are over there. I think it would be a great way to go. But this is always a time that you

will remember, you and your lovely wife and family will remember, when they hung you in the Capitol for the recognition you were able to give to this great Nation of ours and the State which you have represented.

And congratulations again. Thank you.

Mr. FIELDS. A great friend of all of ours, the Ranking Minority Member on the Resources Committee, the gentleman from the Third District of West Virginia, Nick Rahall.

REMARKS OF HON. NICK J. RAHALL, II

Ranking Member, Committee on Resources

Mr. RAHALL. Thank you, Jack.

For those of you that may have been wondering why the Republicans, when they came to power, decided they wanted to limit the terms of their chairmen on the Committees, it took me a little while, but I finally figured it out. They want to be able to rotate around Committees so that they can get their pictures hung in more Committee rooms than it took us Democrats 40 years in power to get ours up there.

I have been here 26 years, and previous to Jim Hansen becoming Chairman of our Committee, some of you may recall that there was a bit of acrimony on our Committee. Where did that Don Young go? Well, I guess he didn't want to hear me say this.

As a matter of fact, a lot of that acrimony, it was to the breaking point. We often had a great deal of partisanship, some bitter arguments and people huffing and puffing and leaving the room. Well, Jim Hansen took over. Believe you me, he has brought a leadership to our Committee that has been calm, cool, collected, reasoned; and we all have appreciated that.

As a matter of fact, Jim's leadership of our Committee has probably been the best—the best Chairman, well, I guess since the last time the Democrats were in power.

And Jim is a humble person. He really is. I am sure he fought this portrait unveiling. He didn't want to sit through the hours it took to have it done. That is not Jim Hansen's style. He would much rather have had that portrait back there, that Joel Hefley did in his honor. But Jim is a very respected Member of this body.

I remember one time we were going through a little legislation—not too long ago, shortly after he announced he was leaving our body—and I asked him, All right, Jim, I want to have something named after you, and I am searching and searching. He said very quickly, Oh, there is this great outhouse out in Utah. And I thought he was kidding. I thought he was kidding, but in case you don't know it, he really has a thing for outhouses.

So I changed and said, Well, I want to name a trail after you. We were able to name a trail after Jim. But he truly has this thing for outhouses, federally protected outhouses.

And I understand even on the recent CODEL to Australia that his love of outhouses came out.

Did you know that, Ann?

But on a serious note, Jim Hansen is a man that I am going to miss. We have had disagreements, yes, on how we manage this country's valuable resources and how we go about monument designations and perhaps some other items, but we on the Democratic side—and I see my colleague, Neal Abercrombie here from my side of the aisle; any others, please raise your hand—but I do, on behalf of all of us, respect the leadership, the calm, cool way in which Jim Hansen has handled matters before our Committee. It has made us proud as a Committee.

As I said, maybe we have our disagreements on the management style, but one thing we do agree on, this country has a vast number of resources that we need to protect, and we need to do it for the sake of our children and children to come. And so, to Jim, to you and to Ann, may you have many, many years together of peaceful bliss and enjoyment in your home State. And to all of our colleagues that are here, we join in giving Jim Hansen a round of applause.

Mr. FIELDS. We also have the Senator from the great State of Utah, Senator Bennett.

REMARKS OF SENATOR ROBERT F. BENNETT

Senator BENNETT. It is always dangerous to give a Senator an open mike; you never know what is going to happen.

You have been standing there long enough. I can't prolong it a great deal. Jim and I went to high school together. I am sure as we sat in Mr. Iverson's English class, neither one of us thought that this would be where we would end up. Jim is going back to Mr. Iverson's English class or at least to read some of the books he did not read when they were assigned.

But, Jim, you have done the State proud. For those who don't realize it, Jim Hansen has represented the State of Utah in the House of Representatives longer than any other individual in the history of the State. We keep turning them over, which is not a good idea in the seniority business, but Jim is the one who has lasted and leaves an indelible mark and an indelible legacy; and all of us in Utah are proud of him.

Jim, thank you.

Mr. FIELDS. I think protocol would call for me to try to recognize every Member out there. I don't see everybody—Darryl, Neal, Duncan in the back, Joel, Buck. Who else am I missing? Ben Gilman. Sorry. Anyone else?

And all the staff members, personal and Committee, who worked for the Chairman, if you would raise your hand, because I know how much he appreciates all of you.

Now it is my pleasure to introduce the Co-Chair of tonight's event, the Honorable Ron Packard of California.

REMARKS OF HON. RON PACKARD

Mr. PACKARD. Thank you, Jack.

When Jim asked Jack and me to raise the money to pay for this portrait, we announced it, and the money just kept rolling in, until they asked who it was for and what it was for, and then we really had to struggle for the money from then on.

My wife Jean and I have become very, very close friends with Jim and Ann. We have traveled together. We have dined together. We have done a lot of church work together. We have done a lot of things together. And they are dear friends. But, Jim, in case you think that with all the Speaker, the Leader and the Whip, and all of the other people, that the Governor said about you, you are going to tend to get a fat head. I know, because I have been there, too, and my head got so big.

But I have to tell you a story. Ann has been behind you all along, and let me tell you a story about when Jean and I first came to Congress 20 years ago and we were invited to this very elegant evening down at the Kennedy Center where they honor the top five performers of the Nation.

It was just an elegant evening; and we were even brought to the event in a limousine, and that was, I believe, the first or second time I had ever been in one of those things. And so it was an elegant evening, and as we got out of the limousine and got onto the red carpet and entered the Kennedy Center at the Hall of Flags, all of a sudden the lights started popping, and people started yelling and screaming.

I turned to Jean, and I said, I didn't know anybody knew who I was. And she says, Well, look behind you. And there was Jimmy Stewart.

Jim, when you get to thinking that you have really done something great, look behind you. Ann has been behind you all the way.

It has been a pleasure to work with you, Jim, on this portrait. I hope you will enjoy it. It should be a great one and a legacy that we leave for this room and for this Congress.

He is a great man, and there are not a lot of great men that come along, only now and then.

My hat's off to you, Jim, and thanks for all you have done for the country.

By the way, Nick Rahall's speech about outhouses is absolutely true. I told him a story about an outhouse that I was involved in. He embellished it to the point where I am embarrassed to even think about it.

Mr. FIELDS. Well, as a former Chairman, you get so excited when you have a live microphone in your hand, you skip right past “America the Beautiful.” So we have a song now by Sergeant First Class Antonio Guiliano, United States Army. He will sing “America the Beautiful.”

Sergeant GUILIANO. It is indeed an honor for me to be a part of this great celebration of service to our great and blessed Nation.

[Whereupon, “America the Beautiful” was sung.]

Mr. FIELDS. I would now like to recognize one of the most pre-eminent portrait artists in America, Michael Del Priore.

I would also—I think, from what I have seen, you have not only captured the likeness but the spirit of this great man; and we are very appreciative.

And now we will have the unveiling of the portrait. Hansen is accompanied by David Hansen and wife Lorraine and daughter Anna; and Jenny Hansen Condie, accompanied by husband Rick and children, Curtis and Rachel.

We are looking for Jennifer. Here she comes.

[Whereupon, the portrait was unveiled.]

Mr. FIELDS. On behalf of Ron and myself, first of all, we would like to thank everyone who worked with us in raising funds for this portrait.

Again, Michael, in looking at this, it was certainly worthwhile. You captured the spirit and the likeness of our friend.

I now have the high honor of introducing the Chairman of the Resources Committee, the Honorable Jim Hansen of Utah.

Wait a minute. You all have fallen into this thinking I am going to be very quick in all these introductions. Not this one. This is my one time that I want to say a few things.

I entered with this guy—along with Duncan, and I don’t know who else is in the room—in 1980. And I don’t know if you remember 1980. Very high interest rates. Terrible inflation. Communism was rampant around the world, and there were 50-some-odd of us who came to Washington, many of us fresh from our districts, never having really been outside our States. And I have to say to you, in looking back at all of those years, when you look at the people in our class—and I am proud of every member of our class, but I am particularly proud of Jim Hansen, who never wavered, never stuck his finger in the political winds, was always committed.

And if you asked me to use a word or words to describe this individual, I would use the word “class.” I would use the word “committed.” I would use the word “patriot.” And I would say that he is an exemplification, a personification of what our forefathers intended as a Representative. I think he represents everything that is great about this institution.

And I think his leaving, it is a victory for his family, it is a victory for his hometown, but it is a loss for all of us. But I can’t think of any-

one who more personifies what is good about this great country than my friend, James V. Hansen, the Chairman of Natural Resources.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

Mr. HANSEN. Thank you very much.

What a pleasure to be here tonight. I am really kind of embarrassed in a way, though. I don't deserve anywhere near the nice things that were said.

It kind of reminds me of a funeral. I got a peak at my own funeral here tonight. Somebody take this down, so when I die, we can just replay all this stuff and go from there.

Everyone asks me what I am going to do when I get out. I thought I would start working on my headstone. That should be the first thing to work on, which I'll leave to the confidence of John Eisold, who is probably, in my mind, one of the most competent doctors around.

You know, when I look around this crowd, I just marvel at the way this place works. When you walk in here, you wonder, how is this thing going to work. But it works very well, and a lot of it is all the unsung people, those people you don't really see on TV all the time, and those people that you don't see on the "gas bags" on Sunday, which is basically the Senators, as we all know. No disrespect to Bob. Truth is truth, regardless of where it is found.

I still remember walking in this place 22 years ago, and we had a fellow by the name of Thomas P. O'Neill from Massachusetts, the Speaker of the House. And he was talking to the freshman class, and he says, One thing you are going to learn, he said, is that the Representatives, those of us in the House, do most of the work, and the Senate gets most of the attention. And he used the term, if you don't believe that, just turn on your television set on Sunday and you will see all the "gas bags" there with all the people there.

And if I may say so respectfully, these gentlemen who have been talking to you are the ones that have pumped out more good legislation than I have ever seen in my 22 years here. They are right here.

And for all of you good staffers who work on the Resource Committee, we have, what, 87 bills sitting over there that haven't been acted upon yet—and bless you, Dick Armey, for allowing us to do a few more next week. We will give them 30, 40 more really good pieces of legislation we hope they act upon.

Bob, I surely hope you keep that in mind when you go back and leave Boy's Town over here and go over there and help us out. But there are so many, many competent people who work so very diligently to do this.

Now, you probably noticed when you came in, on the back wall there, that was the first portrait we did. This was done by a renowned artist from Colorado, who was also in the Cowboy Hall of Fame, I

think, also does all those kinds of things. He is studying up so he can be in the same class as you are, Michael, when he gets to that point.

The Honorable Joel Hefley is very, very confident, and I sit with him both in this Committee and across in the Rayburn Building in the Armed Services Committee, which from time to time, I have to say, when things get a little boring around here—and not all of the testimony we hear is so fascinating that we are sitting on the edge of our seats picking it up; and Joel has a way of sitting down and drawing pictures of people. He will pick somebody in the crowd and do it, and then we all enjoy it up there; and everyone wonders why we are enjoying ourselves for a while, as we look at the great work of Joel Hefley.

And thank you, Joel, for doing that.

But we are going to move that to another place.

Mr. HEFLEY. What?

Mr. HANSEN. What worries me is, he wanted \$20,000 for it. I offered him a dollar down and a dime a week, but he won't even take it. I don't know about you, Joel. I worry about you.

I look around this room, and I see so many, many competent people and great friends. You know, America is a wonderful place, isn't it? It is just a tremendous place. I received a Stuart Symington Award from the Air Force last Tuesday. I didn't deserve it at all, but they gave it to me, and I was honored to get it.

But I thought about it and I thought about my days in the Navy. You know, I walked into San Diego at 18 years old, not wanting to be there. My brother-in-law was head of the Naval Reserve in Salt Lake City, and I was a freshman at the University of Utah. He said, Don't you worry. He said, You probably won't be called to active duty. It was during the Korean War. He said, You just stick here and we will be all right.

Guess who was the first person called to active duty out of that area? Ben, he is a smart guy. He knew how to get rid of me. I walked in there regretting it somewhat, but as I look back at it, I think that is the best experience I ever had. You know, you look at those scroungy kids going into boot camp. You get 11 weeks of hell. They are up at 4:00 in the morning, all of these things. You learn discipline. You learn to be sharp, and at the end of that thing—we had this big parade at the end; everybody looked pretty sharp, and they became good Americans. All of a sudden we wanted out, but about a third of the guys stayed there and made a career of it. Many of them went to flight school, others, things that many of us wanted to do. I got out and finished my education at the University of Utah.

But, you know, Congress has a way of doing the same thing. I think of Henry Hyde. Henry Hyde always said, When I came in here, I wanted to change the world; and now if I can get out of here with a little dignity, I will be happy. That is just how I feel. Three more months, if I can just make it without making some stupid mistake that my

friend Lee Davidson will write about, because Lee never lets any of us off the hook. And we thank him for that—keeps us humble, and we need that.

But you know, I work with some really great people. I work with great Governors, Senators and others, but I think the leadership team we have got here right now is one of the very best I have ever seen.

I don't know if you realize what a great leader Denny Hastert is. He is one of the very, very best. And I work with a lot of people, and this man knows how to bring people together. He knows how to get legislation out. He is fantastic at this thing. Another thing is, he is not always trying to get in front of a camera. I notice so many people, the most dangerous place you can be is between a camera and that person, because you will be trampled as soon as they turn it on.

Denny, I think you are one of the best, and sitting next to you is another one of the best. And another one is Tom Delay. These folks know how to do it, and with that kind of margin, it is unbelievable to me you can bring things together. I just don't know how you do it.

When I was Speaker of the Utah House, we had a two-to-one margin. We wanted something, we got it. And if we wanted something, we took somebody to the woodshed to make sure we got it. And I have got to repent for some of those things, frankly, because I have done some things that were terrible. And I look at the class that these gentlemen have, and I appreciate it.

I look around at all the people who work for me. I have had a lot of folks over there. Do you realize I have been in this business now 42 years in a row? I started out as a City Councilman, and all I wanted to do was fix the water system. I really didn't care if it was Republican or Democrat. I just wanted to get somebody in that would do it. Well, we got it done. I served there 12 years. I was asked to run for the legislature. I did. And then I talked to a fellow by the name of Norman H. Bangerter. After a few years, I said, You know, Norm, we could run this show as easy as anybody else. He said, Sure, we could; let's give it our best shot.

I ran for Speaker. He ran for Majority Leader. I went from there to Congress. He went and became Governor for two terms. And you know, it is the people who have this cause of wanting to do something, something good.

When somebody says they want to run for Congress because they want the attention, I am not interested in that person. But I am very interested in the person who believes so strongly in the country. Now, that is the guy I am worried about, the guy who really believes he wants to do something to change the direction of the country. Now, that is the important person, really, if I may say so.

But it has been an honor to serve with these gentlemen. It really has.

My good friend Bob Bennett there, we were in high school. He sat in front of me in Mr. Iverson's English class, as he pointed out. I always wanted to look at his paper, but he would never let me do it. He was the smartest kid in the class. We all knew that, and he has been that way ever since.

Bob really should be in show business. He reminds me of Will Rogers. You give him a hat and a rope, and he could easily stand on the stage and do a fantastic job—one, of the greatest storytellers I have ever heard and a fantastic Senator.

I don't know why you wanted to go over there, Bob, but to each his own. I wouldn't be caught dead over there myself. Senator Bennett. Six-year term.

Mr. HANSEN. Anyway, I want to thank each and every one of you.

And, Michael, what a great job. I am amazed that you could do it. When he first saw me, he says, I don't know if I can make a racehorse out of that jackass, but we will see what we can do. And out of that, Michael, I really appreciate the work that you have done; and that will probably hang for 2 hours after I am gone, and then go to the basement somewhere. But you are a great artist, and we appreciate it so much.

I appreciate my wife and family, my good friends, Jack Fields and Ron Packard—how nice of you both to do this. I have admired these people. Jack and I got in trouble the minute we walked in, as I recall. We had to bail ourselves out of a big problem, but I won't bore you with that. That is part of our business, that you get in trouble occasionally around here.

But I always admire the person who will do something. I tell the guys on this staff—they say, oh, we can't get this done and the other. I say, try it anyway. Be wild and reckless, see if we can get it through. And then if Dick will let us take it to the floor, we are lucky enough to get him to open up a place for us, we have passed some really good legislation out of here.

And I really appreciate all of you. I know you have been standing a long time. I don't mean to carry this on any further, except thanks so much to all of you. Boy, you are the greatest. I Appreciate you.

And in appreciation to both Ron and Jack, we have a little gift for them, and I would appreciate it if you would open those.

And, Nick, I want to say, you have been great to deal with. You know, part of our business is dealing with the other side. We all know that, and Nick has been so cooperative, and I really appreciate Nick Rahall. He just got back from Iraq. I didn't think we would ever see him again when he left, but bless you for coming back.

Mr. PACKARD. Jack and I and all those who have contributed to the artist's painting have also got something for Jim, and so we would like to make that presentation now.

Mr. HANSEN. Thank you. I appreciate it.

Mr. FIELDS. Just to show you what happens to old chairmen, Debbie just came over and said, don't forget we have one more song.

To close out the evening, very appropriate, Sergeant Guiliano will sing "God Bless America."

Sergeant GUILIANO. Before I do sing God Bless America, I would like to mention, proudly mention, that I am a member of the United States Army Chorus, Pershing Zone, the Army Band in Arlington; and when the honorable Congressman was speaking about his days in boot camp—I am really a hoo-ah soldier.

Even though I am a musician, I was going in the Marine Corps when I was 18 in Special Operations, but I was told I had a beautiful operatic voice and I should go and study music. And they talked me out of going into the Marine Corps. So I went to a conservatory of music.

But I am honored to wear the uniform of the United States Army, and I am honored to be a part of this wonderful celebration. I had no idea of the immense feeling of patriotism and pride that I would have walking into this building and into this room amongst you.

So with that said, I would like to present a CD of mine that I did for 9/11 last year. It is Sacred Recital, In Memory of September 11th, and I would like to present this to you and your wife, Mrs. Hansen.

[Whereupon, the presentation was concluded with the singing of "God Bless America."]

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