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STATEMENT BY SENATOR MAX BAUCUS
ED MUSKIE INTRODUCTION

WHEN MIKE MANSFIELD ANNOUNCED HIS
DECISION SEVERAL YEARS AGO NOT TO SEEK
RE-ELECTION TO THE U.S. SENATE, OUR
SPEAKER TOOK THE SENATE FLOOR TO PAY
MIKE AN ENORMOUS TRIBUTE. HE SAID, AND
I QUOTE "THERE IS PERHAPS ONLY A SINGLE
WORD THAT IS NEEDED TO DESCRIBE THE
REASON FOR MIKE MANSFIELD'S SUCCESS.
IT IS TRUST."

ED MUSKIE, LIKE MIKE MANSFIELD,
KNOWS THE MEANING OF TRUST AND ITS
IMPORTANCE IN MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER
PLACE.

SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE READ THE
PLAY "A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS" -- THE
PLAY ABOUT SIR THOMAS MORE -- AN HONEST
AND COURAGEOUS PUBLIC SERVANT WHO
EMBODIED THE MEANING OF VIRTUE IN
PUBLIC LIFE.

ED MUSKIE IS SUCH A MAN.

IN HIS GENERATION OF TRUST, HE
HAS BEEN KNOWN AS GOVERNOR, SENATOR,
MR. CHAIRMAN, AND MR. SECRETARY.

IN 1968, HE ALMOST BECAME MR. VICE
PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT CARTER AWARDED HIM
THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM, THE HIGHEST
CIVILIAN HONOR OF THE UNITED STATES.

HERE IN MONTANA WE PLACE A GREAT
VALUE ON OUR ENVIRONMENT.

IT WAS SENATOR MUSKIE WHO DID SO
MUCH AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON AIR AND WATER.

THE CLEAN AIR ACT AND THE CLEAN
WATER LEGISLATION, AND COUNTLESS OTHER
MEASURES BECAME LAW, AND STAYED ON THE
BOOKS, BECAUSE OF SENATOR MUSKIE. NO
AMERICAN HAS DONE MORE TO PROTECT OUR
NATURAL RESOURCES.

THE AIR WE BREATHE, THE WATER WE DRINK, THE OCEANS, THE RIVERS AND THE SKIES HAVE ALL BEEN TOUCHED BY HIS PROTECTING HAND. OUR CHILDREN, AND THEIR CHILDREN, WILL REAP THE BENEFITS OF HIS EFFORTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

WE ALL KNOW ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF FEDERAL SPENDING AND BUDGET DEFICITS.

IT WAS SENATOR MUSKIE WHO HELPED PASS THE BUDGET ACT -- THE FIRST MAJOR CONGRESSIONAL EFFORT TO CONTROL THE FEDERAL BUDGET. IT WAS SENATOR MUSKIE WHO BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

IN MANY WAYS IT WAS A THANKLESS TASK. HE WAS THE MAN WHO HAD TO SAY "NO" -- THE MAN WHO ENFORCED BUDGET DISCIPLINE. BUT HE DID IT, HE DID IT WELL, AND HIS HOME-GROWN BLEND OF COMPASSION AND COMMON SENSE IS MISSED TODAY.

I WON'T FILIBUSTER AND LIST ALL OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS, BUT I WANT TO MENTION ONE MORE.

LIKE AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD, HE WAS AND IS VITALLY CONCERNED ABOUT WAR AND PEACE.

AFTER THE MISTAKES OF THE VIETNAM WAR, SENATOR MUSKIE FLOOR MANAGED THE WAR POWERS ACT. THAT HISTORIC LEGISLATION IS DESIGNED TO PREVENT FUTURE VIETNAMS, BY REQUIRING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF DANGEROUS ACTIONS THAT COULD LEAD TO WAR

THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, IN THE
SENATE AND AS A DISTINGUISHED SECRETARY
OF STATE, HE CHAMPIONED NUCLEAR ARMS
CONTROL. HE CHAMPIONED THE USE OF
PUBLIC FUNDS FOR LIFE, NOT DEATH; FOR
HOPE, NOT FEAR; FOR PEACE, NOT WAR.

I AM PROUD TO INTRODUCE ONE OF THE
FEW GENUINE MEN FOR ALL SEASONS THAT I
HAVE EVER KNOWN, ED MUSKIE.