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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.

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 VIETNAM, 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.