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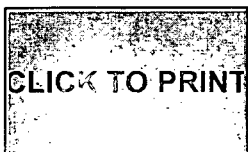
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"In It Together ... In It To Win"

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Good evening, everyone.

You have all heard a lot of speeches already. Tom Daschle, Bob Kerrey and Tom Harkin -- and of course the President -- are some of America's great public speakers. And it's always puzzled me, but for some reason I've never received the recognition I think I deserve for silver-tongued oratory. So I won't take up too much of your time.

But I want to thank you all very sincerely for your help. You are true friends and I appreciate your help for me, for Tom, and for our Democratic Party.

Obviously this has not been the easiest year for our party. But your true friends are the ones who stick with you when there are a few clouds overhead as well as the bright sunny days. And that is why I am so grateful and happy to see you all here tonight.

I also want to give particular thanks to our President, of course. To our Leader Senator Daschle. To DSCC Chairman Bob Kerrey. And the others who have taken time out of their busy schedules to be with us tonight.

And while I am very pleased and grateful to see all of you here tonight, I would like to recognize three of our guests in particular, who have come in from Montana for the dinner.

One is my dear friend Mike Overstreet. Stand up, Mike. Mike is one of America's great business leaders. Mike and his wife Linda are the founders of Corporate Air in Billings. It began twelve years ago as a small service, and is now training pilots and winning contracts all over Asia. And the Overstreets are as committed to the Billings community as they are to a top-quality, successful international business.

The second is Mike Gustafson. He is a successful businessman. He is also one of Montana's great Democrats. He has done more than almost anyone else to organize the Democratic Leadership Council in Montana. He has already raised \$30,000 for President Clinton in our state. And as if that wasn't enough, he is a crusader for improved education and health care in Montana.

And third, Chuck Butler of Montana Blue Cross/Blue Shield. One of our state's great

thinkers on health care, a tireless hard worker and a good man. Chuck organizes the Governor's Cup road race in Helena every year. It's a great Montana event including three races, plus a special race for disadvantaged children.

I want to give all three of these people special thanks for coming here tonight.

All three of them, and you, and me, are here today for a political reason. That is, to lay the groundwork for a campaign victory in 1996. But in another sense, as Democrats, we are here for deeper reasons.

We love our country. We believe in our future. And we want what is best for America's land and people.

As Democrats, we believe in giving our kids and college students top-quality education.

Strong, competitive farms and businesses.

Clean air, clean water and clean neighborhoods for our families.

Equality for women.

Protecting senior citizens by keeping Social Security and Medicare strong.

And this time around we may not have the numbers. We may not be winning every vote. But I can tell you, I have never been so proud to be a Democrat as I have been this year.

I see our Democrats in Congress. Standing up to protect Medicare. For clean air and water. Security for working people. People like Tom Harkin. Like Bob Kerrey and Tom Daschle. And all of us here tonight.

Pat Williams, my colleague in the House, one of America's great fighters for working people.

Democrats at home in Montana -- legislators like Mignon Waterman, Greg Jergeson and Ray Peck. People like our Superintendent of Public Instruction Nancy Keenan, Mayor Dan Kemmis of Missoula and more -- fighting for Montana's schools and universities.

I see Bill Clinton and Al Gore defending education and a clean environment. The President was just out in Montana a couple of months ago, meeting with our farmers, business leaders and tribal chairs.

And it makes me so proud to be a Democrat.

Well, we've taken some bumps and bruises this year. You all know that. Sometimes I think of that famous old painting of the fife and drum corps, one with his arm in a sling, one with a bandage around his head and the other on crutches.

But I will tell you this. With all their slings and bandages and crutches, the fife and drum corps is still marching along under the flag. And so are we. Because we are fighting for what is right. We are right on the issues. And that is why we are going to turn it around next year.

As we approach the 1996 election, we have hard work ahead. There is no doubt of that. But we are in this together, and we are in it to win.

Once again, I want to give you all my thanks. I appreciate your presence tonight more than I can tell you. Thank you all.