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JIM LUKEN

CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF DINNER

SEPTEMBER 11, 1975

(APPROPRIATE INTRODUCTION REMARKS)

I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE THIS EVENING. I AM HAPPY FOR SEVERAL REASONS. FIRST, I AM HAPPY BECAUSE I CAN HELP JIM LUKEN KICK-OFF WHAT I AM SURE WILL BE A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN. AND SECOND, I AM HAPPY BECAUSE I AM AWAY FROM COLUMBUS WHERE THIS WEEK THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS INVOLVED IN SOME EXHAUSTING ACTIVITIES.

I DON'T MEAN THAT I DISLIKE THE LEGISLATURE. I JUST MEAN THAT IT IS NICE TO TAKE A BREAK --- AND TO HELP A FRIEND.

AS SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, I HAVE COME TO KNOW THAT I CANNOT LEAD UNLESS I HAVE FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS WHO ADVISE ME AND WHO FOLLOW ME. I KNOW I CANNOT GET OUR PARTY'S PROGRAMS ENACTED INTO LAW UNLESS THERE ARE OTHERS STRONGLY AND FAITHFULLY WITH ME.

I KNOW I MUST COUNT ON OTHERS WHO WILL TELL ME WHEN THEY THINK I AM RIGHT AND TELL ME WHEN THEY THINK I AM WRONG.

JIM LUKEIN IS SUCH A PERSON, HE IS SOMEONE I
HAVE COME TO COUNT ON. JIM LUKEIN IS A LEGISLATOR
WHO IS A GOOD AND STRONG FRIEND.

SINCE HE ENTERED THE OHIO HOUSE IN JANUARY,
1973, HE STOOD OUT AS A FRANK, HONEST, NO-NONSENSE
PERSON. I AM CERTAIN THAT'S A CONTINUATION OF THOSE
CHARACTERISTICS HE BROUGHT TO THE LABOR MOVEMENT. I'M
SURE HIS BASIC HONESTLY AND INTEGRITY WERE IMPORTANT
ELEMENTS IN HIS SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN HELPING BRING
TO THE GREAT CINCINNATI AREA ONE OF THIS COUNTRY'S
CLEANEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE LABOR MOVEMENTS.

JIM LUKEIN HAS BEEN SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO IN THE

HOUSE, BECAUSE WHEN HE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY IT IS CORRECT, IMPORTANT AND USEFUL.

JIM'S LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN GIVING OHIO ITS FIRST MINIMUM WAGE LAW, AND IN BRINGING MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO OHIO'S WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAWS. HIS LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS HAVE ALSO BEEN THE PRINCIPAL REASON WHY THE STATE HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

IN FACT, THE OHIO HOUSE TODAY PASSED JIM LUKEN'S H.B. 744 BY A 64 TO 27 VOTE. H.B. 744 WILL REDUCE REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR CINCINNATI CITIZENS BY \$2 FOR EVERY ONE-THOUSAND DOLLARS OF TAXABLE VALUE.

H.B. 744 WILL ADD SOME 35 TO 40 MILLION
EXTRA STATE DOLLARS EACH BIENNIUM TO U.C.

H.B. 744 WILL ALSO RESULT IN REDUCED TUITION
FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING U.C.

H.B. 744 REPRESENTS ONE SOLID EXAMPLE OF WHAT
JIM LUKEN TOLD ME WHEN I FIRST MET HIM. HE SAID,
"WE HAVE TO HELP U.C."

IN THE TWO YEARS AND NEARLY NINE MONTHS HE HAS
SERVED IN THE OHIO HOUSE, JIM LUKEN HAS BECOME KNOWN
AS AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE AND EFFECTIVE LEGISLATOR.
YET HE BEGINS TONIGHT A VENTURE WHICH, WHILE IT WILL
BE CINCINNATI'S GAIN, IT WILL BE THE OHIO HOUSE'S

LOSS. JIM LUKEN WILL BE MISSED IN THE HALLS OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I WILL MISS HIM.

NEVERTHELESS, I COME HERE TONIGHT TO ASSIST
JIM IN HIS DESIRES. I COME HERE TONIGHT TO SUPPORT
HIM IN AN EFFORT DESIGNED TO TAKE HIM FROM US. I
COME HERE TO TELL YOU AND THE REST OF CINCINNATI THAT
JIM LUKEN DESERVES YOUR VOTE.

I DO THIS BECAUSE I RESPECT JIM LUKEN AND HIS
JUDGEMENT. I ALSO DO THIS BECAUSE JIM LUKEN WILL
BRING TO CITY GOVERNMENT HERE IN CINCINNATI THE
HIGHEST DEGREE OF COMPETENCY AND HONESTY THAT ANY

MAN IN PUBLIC LIFE CAN BRING. AS I SAID EARLIER,
OUR LOSS IN THE HOUSE WILL BE YOUR GAIN IN CINCINNATI.

AGAIN, I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH JIM,
ESPECIALLY SINCE HE TOLD ME TO KEEP MY REMARKS
SHORT.

KEEPING MY REMARKS SHORT --- I'LL CLOSE
AND SAY THANK YOU AND BEST OF LUCK, JIM.