

BRIEF REMARKS [ABOUT 5 MINUTES]
"THE LEGACY OF HUBERT HUMPHREY"
DEDICATION CEREMONY
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY POSTAGE STAMP
JUNE 3, 1991

[YOU WILL BE INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM
BROWN, GENERAL MANAGER AND POSTMASTER
FOR THE TWIN CITIES POST OFFICE.]

• WITH THIS STAMP, HUBERT JOINS A
SELECT LIST OF GREAT AMERICANS IN THE
POSTAL SERVICE'S "HALL OF FAME"
HONORING SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR
NATION'S HERITAGE AND WAY OF LIFE.

HHH I enjoyed this day,
this place & this place
HHH Inc¹
Head & Head
His Partner W/
Sister on the
Bar

STAMP. - Time is valuable at Home
34 - 1st Class Stamp - Payment
approved

✓ Boiling HHH as all -
Efficiency²

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The best
• AS MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS, U.S. SENATOR AND VICE PRESIDENT, HUBERT'S POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENTS, OF COURSE, WERE MANY.

*Presed
Newark*

• OUR NATION WILL BE FOREVER
GRATEFUL FOR HIS CRITICAL ROLE IN
ESTABLISHING LANDMARK POLICIES AND
PROGRAMS LIKE:

- HEAD START

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• AND, ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE,
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The list

*It doesn't describe
this incredible human being -
his fullness, his energy,
his magnetism & his unflagging
dedication - Fursul was
legendary*

• WHAT HUBERT REALLY MEANS FOR AMERICA IS SOMETHING THAT WE MIGHT EVEN DESCRIBE AS SPIRITUAL IN NATURE. IT GOES TO THE KIND OF MAN — THE KIND OF LEADER — THAT HE WAS. AND IT GOES TO THE KIND OF NATION AND WORLD HE WORKED SO HARD TO FOR.

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• ~~I THINK IT IS~~ A FUNDAMENTAL HOPE AND OPTIMISM THAT CONSTITUTES THE HEART OF HUBERT'S LEGACY. HUBERT TRUSTED IN THE GOOD WILL AND BASIC DECENCY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HE HAD FAITH IN THE *American* LIBERAL DREAM. AND HE HAD CONFIDENCE IN OUR *collective* CAPACITY TO ACHIEVE THE *universal* PROMISE OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND WELL-BEING. FOR ALL.

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*By the same -
Extra Spout
of honey*

- HUBERT WAS, AS HE CALLED

HIMSELF, "A PUBLIC MAN." AND HE WAS A PUBLIC MAN WHO NOT ONLY SPOKE AND PREACHED ABOUT THE "POLITICS OF JOY." HE PRACTICED AND LIVED IT. ~~IN FACT, HE EMBODIED IT.~~

How we miss all of this today

- HIS OWN LIFE'S STORY WAS A PLAYING OUT OF THE AMERICAN DREAM — THE SMALL TOWN BOY WHO GROWS UP AND, WITH GOOD WILL AND HARD WORK, ACHIEVES SUCCESS — AND YET STAYS HONEST, NEVER FORGETTING WHERE HE CAME FROM AND THE PEOPLE HE REPRESENTED. HUBERT WAS ALWAYS A LEADER WHO CARED ABOUT PEOPLE AND THEIR PROBLEMS.

• AND, ALWAYS, HUBERT'S CONCERN WAS WITH HUMAN DIGNITY. THAT'S WHAT HE BELIEVED POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT WERE ALL ABOUT.

• HERE IS ONE SURE PROOF OF HUBERT'S CONTINUING INSPIRATION. IT IS A COMMENT WHICH THE STAFF AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS READING ROOM REPORTS IS THE SINGLE QUOTE THEY ARE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED TO SUPPLY. IT IS FROM HIS SPEECH IN 1977 AT THE DEDICATION OF THE HUMPHREY BUILDING IN WASHINGTON. HE SAID: "THE MORAL TEST OF GOVERNMENT IS HOW THAT GOVERNMENT TREATS THOSE WHO ARE IN THE DAWN OF LIFE — THE CHILDREN; THOSE WHO ARE IN THE TWILIGHT OF LIFE — THE ELDERLY; AND THOSE WHO ARE IN THE SHADOWS OF LIFE

— THE SICK, THE NEEDY AND THE
HANDICAPPED.”

*That was Hubert
Counsel - all day, all week, all month
all year and all*

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THESE WORDS WHICH TRULY DEFINES THE *Long*
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*Happy 80th
Hubert*

H.H.H.

- Senate office

- Dinner check

4 P.M. Sen.
V.P.

X Penn Spans

X Haldeman

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• AS IT TURNS OUT, HUBERT GETS NO LESS THAN A 52-CENT STAMP TO HIS NAME. EVEN BY TODAY'S POSTAL RATES, THIS IS A LOT OF MONEY. IT IS ALSO MORE THAN THE 20 CENTS HARRY TRUMAN GETS, NOT TO MENTION THE 14-CENT SINCLAIR LEWIS STAMP.

• NOW, YOU MAY RECALL THERE WAS A LITTLE PUBLICITY A FEW WEEKS BACK ABOUT AN ERROR THAT WAS DISCOVERED WITH THIS STAMP. IT MISTAKENLY LISTS HUBERT'S VICE PRESIDENTIAL TERM IN OFFICE AS 1964 TO 1968. (HIS TERM WAS ACTUALLY JANUARY 1965 TO JANUARY 1969.) WELL, YOU KNOW THE SAYING: "GOD IS IN THE DETAILS." IN THIS CASE, I LIKE TO THINK "HUBERT IS IN THE DETAILS."

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