

**TALKING POINTS
VIDEO IN HONOR OF
THE SABO ENDOWMENT AT AUGSBURG COLLEGE**

"KONBANWA" — OR GOOD EVENING FROM JAPAN.

**JOAN AND I WISH WE COULD JOIN YOU IN PERSON FOR
THIS VERY SPECIAL EVENT TO HONOR MARTIN OLAV SABO
AND TO HELP INITIATE THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM AT
AUGSBURG COLLEGE.**

**MARTIN'S DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC LIFE IS YET
ONE MORE REMINDER THAT THE SUCCESS OF OUR DEMOCRACY
DEPENDS ON THE PERSONAL QUALITIES OF THOSE WE ELECT
TO REPRESENT US.**

**WE ARE SERVED BEST BY THOSE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC
SERVANTS**

- WHOSE WORD IS THEIR BOND;**
- WHO PUT CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY BEFORE WEALTH;**
- WHO UNDERSTAND THAT PRINCIPLES MUST HAVE A
CENTRAL PLACE IN OUR POLITICS;**
- WHO SEEK TO INSPIRE THE BEST IN EACH OF US; AND**

- WHO SEE PUBLIC SERVICE AS A VOCATION IN THE FULLEST AND BEST SENSE OF THE WORD.

THERE IS NO BETTER EXAMPLE OF SUCH A PUBLIC LEADER THAN MARTIN OLAV SABO.

FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS, MY FRIEND MARTIN HAS BEEN A VOICE OF INTEGRITY, COMPASSION AND COMMON SENSE. HE HAS DEDICATED HIMSELF TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR STATE AND OUR NATION — FIRST AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM MINNEAPOLIS, THEN AS SPEAKER OF THE MINNESOTA HOUSE AND, SINCE 1978, AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM MINNESOTA'S FIFTH DISTRICT.

NOW, AS A SENIOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE, HE IS FAMILIAR WITH THE CORRIDORS OF POWER IN WASHINGTON.

BUT MARTIN HAS NEVER FORGOTTEN WHERE HE CAME FROM, OR WHO IT IS HE IS SUPPOSED TO SERVE IN WASHINGTON.

MARTIN CAME TO MINNESOTA FROM A CHILDHOOD IN RURAL NORTH DAKOTA (BUT WE WON'T HOLD THIS AGAINST HIM!).

IN MINNEAPOLIS, HE ATTENDED AUGSBURG COLLEGE. IT IS ONE OF THOSE WONDERFUL, SPECIAL PLACES KNOWN AS THE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE: SMALL ENOUGH IN SCALE TO BE A REAL COMMUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT BIG ENOUGH IN AMBITION TO INSPIRE THE MINDS AND SPIRITS OF ITS STUDENTS. AUGSBURG HELPED INSPIRE MARTIN — AND FOR THIS WE CAN ALL BE VERY GRATEFUL.

IN FACT, I FIRST MET MARTIN WHEN [ADD PERSONAL REMINISCENCES]

THE POINT IS THAT, IN AMERICA, OUR PUBLIC LEADERS COME FROM MANY WALKS OF LIFE. THIS IS ONE OF THE GREAT AND ENDURING STRENGTHS OF OUR DEMOCRACY.

THIS IS ALSO WHY IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE INTEREST, THE ENERGY AND THE TALENT MUST ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE.

AT A TIME WHEN SO MANY PEOPLE ARE CYNICAL ABOUT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC LEADERS, OUR DEMOCRACY NEEDS A RENEWED IDEALISM AND COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC LIFE. OUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC SPIRIT AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

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SABO DINNER

SO, TONIGHT, WE CELEBRATE A BEGINNING: THE SABO
ENDOWMENT FOR LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY
SERVICE AT AUGSBURG COLLEGE.

THIS NEW EFFORT HAS EVERYTHING GOING FOR IT:

- THE RIGHT TIME;
- THE RIGHT PLACE; AND
- THE RIGHT PERSON.

THE SABO ENDOWMENT OFFERS HOPE — AND
OPPORTUNITY. IT IS DESIGNED TO INSPIRE GREATER
INTEREST AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE THROUGH
MENTORING, INTERNSHIPS, PUBLIC PROGRAMS, AND
ACADEMIC COURSES.

THE GOAL IS AMBITIOUS: TO HELP CREATE FUTURE
GENERATIONS OF LEADERS LIKE MARTIN. (AND I THOUGHT
THEY HAD BROKEN THE MOLD WITH HIM!)

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT HELPS TO MAKE ALL OF THIS
POSSIBLE.

MARTIN AND SYLVIA, YOU HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH TO THE PEOPLE OF MINNEAPOLIS, THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE — AND TO JOAN AND ME. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE. AND WE OFFER YOU ARE CONTINUED BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.



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