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HOMECOMING PARTY



Sports Arena Annex

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Welcome Home, Friend

Those in this assemblage here tonight represent just a minute fraction of the many, many friends whose confidence and faith in you wavered not for a single instant during the past months of your personal time of trial.

The thousands of prayers in your behalf by people of all faiths.

The many letters written in your behalf since we last broke bread with you . . . written by the withered hands of the aged, the calloused hands of the worker, and the small hands of the little children represent a greater tribute to you and the things you have accomplished in your lifetime than we could ever express in this brief message.

The fact that these hands and hearts represent not only such a wide range of age groups, but also all social and economic segments of the community, is even greater testimony of the personal warmth and regard that all of these people . . . YOUR PEOPLE . . . hold for you.

The price that you have personally paid in your quest to help your fellow man does not go unheeded. That which others have done in an attempt to destroy your standing in this community has only resulted in a greater strengthening of our respect and admiration for you and the ideals you represent.

To whatever course you decide to chart for yourself in the days ahead, we can only add that you have the best wishes and God Speed of a grateful and indebted community . . .

Again we say "Welcome Home, Dick" . . .

Your Friends