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- -- MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS.
- --SENATOR--18TH YEAR.
- -- VICE PRESIDENT.
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AND SOME OF THE THINGS I'VE DONE:

- --I'VE FOUGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES.
- --I'VE FOUGHT FOR EDUCATION. I'M THE AUTHOR OF THE STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM (NDEA).
- --I WAS AN AUTHOR AND COSPONSOR OF THE FIRST MAJOR ENVIRONMENT ACT IN 1956 TO CONTROL AIR AND WATER POLLUTION.

THIS WAS THE BEGINNING.

- --I WAS THE AUTHOR OF THE PEACE CORPS AND THE JOB CORPS.

 I DEVELOPED THE IDEA OF THE PEACE CORPS IN 1960.
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 OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S REPRESENTATIVES IN MOSCOW. WHEN
 THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE TREATY, HE TURNED TO ME AND SAID:
 "HUBERT, THIS PEN IS YOURS, BECAUSE THIS IS YOUR TREATY."

I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT_AGENCY.

I'M PROUD OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND I WANT TO DO MORE THINGS LIKE THESE IN THE FUTURE.

I"M A TEACHER AND I KNOW IT"S GOOD TO STUDY HISTORY--

BUT IT'S BETTER TO MAKE HISTORY.

IT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH TO HAVE AN IDEA, IT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH TO BE ANGRY OR OUTRAGED--YOU HAVE TO ACT.

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THE GREATEST PURSUIT OF MANKIND IS PEACE. AND, AS

POPE PAUL SAID, DEVELOPMENT IS THE NEW PEACE--AND I BELIEVE

THAT DEVELOPMENT MUST BE HERE AT HOME AS WELL AS ABROAD.

IF WE ARE TO HAVE A PEACEFUL WORLD, WE MUST START HERE.

IF WE CAN'T GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER, WHAT MAKES YOU THINK

WE CAN GET ALONG WITH THE WORLD?

PEACE IS NOT JUST THE ABSENCE OF VIOLENCE AND WAR.

PEACE IS THE PRESENCE OF A HARMONY OF LIFE.

I WANT AMERICA TO BE KNOWN FOR OUR COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING--NOT JUST FOR OUR WEALTH AND MIGHT.

AMERICANS MUST TURN THEIR BACKS ON TWO WORDS:

HATE AND YESTERDAY.

HATE IS A CANCER AND YESTERDAY IS GONE.

AND WE MUST REMEMBER TWO OTHER WORDS:

LOVE AND TOMORROW.

LOVE IS UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE AND HUMAN DIGNITY.

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ABOUT.

EACH GENERATION HELPS TO BUILD THIS COUNTRY. AND YOU MUST LEARN NEW WAYS TO BUILD AND CLEAR AWAY THE DEBRIS OF THE PAST.

THE FUTURE IS NOW -- AND TODAY IS ALL WE HAVE.

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. MAKE THE

MOST OF IT.

ALL OF US MUST FORGE AHEAD TO BUILD A SOCIETY OF

JUSTICE AND DECENCY. A SOCIETY WHERE THE OLD ARE CARED FOR,

WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY AND WHERE ALL

AMERICANS HAVE THE CHANCE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE

BUILDING OF A BETTER AMERICA.

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UNLESS YOU MAKE THE BEST OF IT--YOU'LL GET THE WORST OF

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