

My Stump Speech

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Good Evening, and thank you all for coming. I feel extraordinarily honored by the great opportunity to speak to you tonight in this magnificent town of Tokolatahatchee, the home of our nation's strawberry-scented insulation foam manufacturing industry. And I am overwhelmed by the warmth and kindness of your welcome. Thank you, thank you ever so much. I am very touched and deeply humbled. Thank you.

This afternoon, I was kind enough to be given the opportunity of learning something about strawberry-scented insulation foam – which, as you all know, represents the lifeblood of your vibrant community. The vast majority of the twenty-eight families in Tokolatahatchee have at least one family member working in this important industry which brings so much enjoyment and satisfaction to Americans all over this great nation of ours. You must be very proud of your home town, and rightfully so – it shows in every step of the way. The roadways are well-paved, the front yards impeccably manicured, all the flowers and all the trees are breathing the beauty of a wholesome, healthy, close-knit, and loving American community. If anybody would set out to find the real America – it's right here, in Tokolatahatchee, and I am deeply honored that you have welcomed me as one of yours.

And isn't it exactly that what has brought us as a nation to where we are today? Where would America be, what would America be, if it wasn't for the hard work and sacrifice with which the good people from all walks of life put the ingenious concepts of our founding fathers into action? Every day, every God-given day, the idea of America's core values becomes beautiful reality only because people like you and me are tirelessly working for them. This must be stated loud and clear, even in the face of bitter adversity, for all the world to hear. America is what we are, nothing more and nothing less.

I did not come here today to speak about the nitty-gritty aspects of politics. I did not come here today to talk about my fellow contenders in this race for the presidency of the United States Of America. I did not come here today to waste your precious time with numbers and details of Social Security, health care, education, defense, homeland security, and all the other topics on their agenda. There is a time and a place for all that. Everybody in America knows where I stand on these issues, and I have always stood firmly on my convictions.

I came here today to talk to you about my vision for our country. My co-contenders may throw figures and facts around as long as they want, and confuse you with all those details – that's fine. I'm not here to confuse you. I have worked hard on all those figures and facts in my forty years in the House and my thirty years in the Senate, and my voting record speaks for itself.

No, I came here today to talk to you about the direction this country needs, and the leadership that it takes to get there safely. You know, there's many people on the bus, but only one can be the driver. And I am asking you for your support, as I am applying for the job to be the driver who takes this bus safely into the middle of this great century and beyond.

You may ask what makes me different from all the other candidates? And that is a legitimate question. Well, let me try to give you the answer to that question, and it's a very simple answer, very straightforward – that's just the way I am. Everybody in this country knows that. Every person who has ever worked with me on the issues that are important to all Americans knows that. And I believe, you know that, too.

I will be able to provide the kind of leadership this great country needs and deserves. We've come a long way, America and I. And it wasn't always easy – certainly not. But we have made it so far, and we will continue on this road together.

If I have your vote, as citizens of this great town of Tokolatahatchee, I have what it takes to be President. If I have the vote of all the hard working men and women who are making our country great, each and every day, I have what it takes to be President. And if I have the support of the multinational corporations – and of the small but equally important companies like your strawberry-scented foam thing here – I most certainly have what it takes to be President of The United States Of America.

And here's my pledge to you: I will be President of all Americans. I will be President of the people of New York, Los Angeles, and Tokolatahatchee. I will be President of the big oil companies and of the strawberry-scented foam industry, of Boeing, Disney, and Wal-Mart and of the grocery store on the corner. I will put my great vision to work for the blind, the lame, and the poor as well as for the rich and powerful. Doesn't make a difference to me. I am everybody's guy.

Thank you again for coming tonight. It was a great pleasure to hear me talk about my vision for America. May God bless you all, may God bless this great nation of ours, and may God always protect this country. As long as there are presidential candidates like me, this country will need it.