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## American Heroes

Wouldn't it be nice to hear a little more about the forgotten heroes of America -- those who create most of our new jobs like the owners of stores down the street, the faithful who support our churches, synagogues, schools and communities, the brave men and women everywhere who produce our goods, feed a hungry world, and keep our families warm while they invest in the future to build a better America? That's where miracles are made, not in Washington, D.C.

- Remarks to the National Federation of Independent Business, June 22, 1983.

## The Budget

For my part, if confronted by budget-busting spending bills or any attempt to take away the people's tax cuts or indexing, I will not hesitate to veto -- indeed, I look forward to it.

- "Salute to Congressman Trent Lott," June 20, 1983.

## "Capping" the Tax Cut

Our critics sob enough about deficits to fill an ocean -- an ocean of crocodile tears. The same holds true for their argument about fairness. Capping the third year of the tax cut won't soak the rich, but it will drown millions of taxpayers in the middle class.

- Remarks to the National Federation of Independent Business, June 22, 1983.

### Health Care

We have the best health care in the world, because it has remained private. And working together, we'll keep it that way.

- Remarks to the American Medical Association, June 23, 1983.

### Indexing

Those who advocate eliminating indexing are trying to perpetrate a cynical hoax on lower- and middle-income earners in America. In fact, 78 percent of the benefits of indexing will go to lower- and middle-income earners.

- "Salute to Congressman Trent Lott," June 20, 1983.

### Medicare and Medicaid

The incentives have not been to save, but to spend. Medicare and Medicaid costs have gone up nearly 600 per cent since 1970. For too long the federal government has had a blank check mentality. The hospital simply filled in the amount they wanted. And then Uncle Sam or -- to be more precise -- the hard-pressed American taxpayer paid the bill.

- Remarks to the American Medical Association, June 23, 1983.

### Poland

There is only one way for the Polish government to gain the confidence and trust of its own people. And that is to end martial law, to release political prisoners, to restore freely formed trade unions, and to embark on a path of genuine, national reconciliation.

- Remarks to representatives of the Polish-American Community, June 23, 1983.

### Women in Business

Small business is the gateway to opportunity for those who want a piece of the American dream. One of the most exciting trends in our country is the surge in numbers and size of businesses owned by women. ... Almost three million businesses owned by women bring in about \$40 billion a year -- a solid contribution to the health of our economy at every level of society.

- Remarks to the National Federation of Independent Business, June 22, 1983.