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FUNDRAISER FOR VIRGINIA GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE MARY SUE TERRY
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We are here today for an historic occasion: to honor the first woman ever nominated by a major party to run for governor of Virginia.

Mary Sue Terry is hardly an ordinary candidate. She's an extraordinary public servant whose career has been an unbroken string of accomplishments.

Local prosecutor. State legislator. Attorney General for two terms.

Champion of educational reform. Champion of a better health care system. Champion of a drug-free society. Champion of a clean environment. Champion of children.

And champion of all Virginians -- whether they hail from Tidewater, or the coal country of the southwest, or the Blue Ridge Mountains, or the Washington suburbs.

We are here to support Mary Sue Terry because we share so many of her goals: streamlining government, creating jobs, improving public schools, making medical care affordable and available to every citizen.

We are here because this race is not just about electing a Democrat instead of a Republican. It's about experience, decency, and a commitment to the common good.

It's about getting beyond narrow, selfish, special interests . . . and working towards a reasoned, responsible approach to solving problems.

It's about resisting the provocations of loud groups on the fringes and hearing the voices of all citizens.

It's about using government to protect the rights of individuals, not to hamper them.

It's about electing one of the most talented women of her generation. . . a woman who not only can spit tobacco with the best of them, but a woman who was the biggest vote-getter in the Old Dominion in her last election.

Mary Sue Terry is precisely the sort of selfless public servant that our nation, and Virginia, needs.

As attorney general, she managed her agency's budget so well that she returned \$1 million to the state general fund -- even while the caseload nearly doubled.

In a six-year span she sponsored 81 legislative initiatives that became law -- virtually a record in the history of the Commonwealth.

She pushed for new incentives for primary care doctors and health care professionals willing to volunteer their time.

She promoted a clean environment, strengthened domestic violence laws, and used her office as a platform for helping children.

This is a record that all Virginians can be proud of.

And I'm proud to be here to offer my wholehearted endorsement of Mary Sue Terry, the next governor of Virginia.