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Good evening. I am absolutely delighted to join so many of Marty's other friends and admirers in paying tribute to him tonight. I only wish I could be there in person, Marty, to thank you for your friendship -- and your tireless commitment to America's working families.

When the lives of workers are at stake, you always know exactly where Marty Maddaloni will stand. He'll stand up for better benefits and improved working conditions. He'll stand up for training and education to enhance the opportunities of workers. And when all is said and done, he'll stand up for the American Dream -- for the fundamental belief that people who work hard and play by the rules should be able to make a better life for themselves and their families.

And because he and so many others in the labor movement have stood up, we have much to celebrate today. We've created some 22 million jobs. Record surpluses have replaced record deficits. Unemployment and poverty have dropped to their lowest rates in decades. But, we all know that it is often during good times like these that we are really tested. Because we have to decide whether we will rest on our laurels -- or continue to move forward to address the challenges still facing our nation.

So, in addition to all the much deserved praise we want to heap on Marty tonight, I think the best way we can honor him is by working every day to fulfill his vision. So, let us all promise to make this the century in which the minimum wage is a living wage -- and all children have access to quality, public education. Let's make this the century in which all families have quality, affordable health insurance -- and all seniors have modern Medicare and Social Security programs they can count on. And let us make this the century in which every worker is guaranteed the right -- the basic human right -- to organize and bargain collectively. A century in which our children can grow up working in safe, clean, healthy, and respectful environments -- with the rights and skills and wages they need to reach their God-given promise.

And when this happens, it will be because Marty Maddaloni, the United Association, and all of organized labor continued to lead the way. And so Marty, I want to thank you so much for your amazing support and friendship these past years. But even more than that, thank you for being such a friend to working men and women. Thank you for all you have done -- and all you will do -- to guarantee the rights and dignity of every American. I am thrilled to join all of your biggest fans in congratulating you on this special night -- and I look forward to working with you in common cause in the days and years ahead. Goodnight -- and Godspeed to you all.