

FEB 2 1990

January 29, 1990

Dear Friend:

We would like to ask you to join in our efforts to salute our father and your friend, Senator Robert Taft, Jr. Dad will be celebrating his 73rd birthday on Monday, February 26, 1990, and we are planning a funfilled, fundraising salute to him for all his years in public service. We know that you worked with him in so many ways and will want to join in this celebration by writing him a personal note to be included in a book that will be presented to him that night.

If you would like to stroll down memory lane and write about your experiences with him, please keep it to one 8 1/2 x 11 page and mail it to us by February 15.

An invitation will arrive shortly and we would be most pleased if you could join Senator Taft and his family at his birthday celebration in Cincinnati at the Hyatt Hotel from 5 to 7 p.m. on February 26th.

He has served his City, State and Nation well in the U.S. Navy, the Ohio House of Representatives, the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Senate. Now that he has gone "Of Counsel" with his law firm, we thought it was appropriate to honor a man who has given so much to his family, friends and nation.

Please join us in this salute to Senator Taft as the flag passes to the next generation. We look forward to hearing from you by February 15th.

Sincerely,



Bob Taft II
Eldest Son
Hamilton County Commissioner
Candidate for Governor

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FEB 26 1990

February 22, 1990

Dear Friends:

We have had an overwhelming response from our letter asking for memories and wishes of Dad's 73rd Birthday. Thank you so much for your wonderful thoughts. The Memory Book is well filled and will be a warm and lasting present for my father.

We are going to present this book to Dad on his Birthday, February 26. However, the actual event scheduled for that evening has been delayed.

You may have read of my decision to run for Secretary of State. This was a very difficult and much deliberated choice. I know I am doing the right thing for the people of Ohio, the Republican Party and my own career. The office of Secretary of State is an important one--especially in 1990. We, as Republicans, must control the Apportionment Board. This Board will redraw the legislative district lines after the census this year -- if Democrats control this Board, Republican legislators will be gerrymandered out of office and Democrats will control Ohio politics for years to come.

Due to this whole process of choosing to run for Secretary of State -- the Birthday Event has to be "on hold" for the present.

You will be the first to receive invitations when the new date and location is set!

Again, thank you for your "living present" for Dad on his 73rd birthday.

Warm regards,

Bob
Bob Taft

RTII/sa

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MAR 2 1990

February 23, 1990

E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.
Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

Thank you so much for taking the time to write Dad such a meaningful letter. I'm sure he will have great fun reading each one of them and strolling down memory lane as he thinks of you and the times you spent together.

We plan to give it to him on his birthday even though the event in his honor has been postponed to a later date.

Between the time our appeal for letters went out, and the filing date for state offices, Bob decided to follow his head and not his heart and to put public duty above private desire. He dropped out of the primary race for Governor and is running instead for the Secretary of State position. Republicans need both these offices to win control of the Apportionment Board which will draw legislative district lines after the 1990 census.

Bob is now running against an incumbent and will have an equally difficult race.

Hopefully, when the invitation comes for Dad's salute your schedule will permit you to journey to Cincinnati and help us relive the memories you wrote about and honor a man we all love.

Thanks for understanding our difficult decision to change offices and delay the celebration but most of all thanks for helping me to know and understand the Taft tradition better.

I recently discovered this 1907 quote of Louise Taft to her son William Howard and it seems to tie the many generations together. "No Taft, to my knowledge, has ever yet neglected a public duty for the sake of gratifying a private desire". You have helped me realize how very true that statement is for the two generations of Tafts that I have known.

Warm regards,

Hope
Hope Taft

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E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
ADMIRAL, U. S. NAVY (RET.)

TO: Senator Robert Taft, Jr.

FROM: E. R. Zumwalt, Jr. *E. R. Zumwalt*

DATE: 26 February 1990

On the occasion of your 73rd birthday, I want to join your many friends and admirers in a salute to a magnificent human being who has served his Navy and his country well.

Having come to know and admire you when I had the responsibility for running the U.S. Navy, I still remember the thoughtfulness with which you dealt with the Navy's requirements and the solid support you gave us.

Your contribution to Naval concepts was an important one.

As I reflect upon your many capabilities, I find myself relieved that you chose not to stay in the U.S. Navy. If you had, you would have undoubtedly taken the top job, thereby denying it to me.

All best wishes for a happy birthday.

E. R.