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TALKING POINTS FOR PORTRAIT UNVEILING

-- THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO ADD MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY FOR GIVING ME THE HONOR OF UNVEILING THIS PORTRAIT.

-- AS YOU KNOW, THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY WAS ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS FOR THE EXHIBITION OF PORTRAITS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES.

-- IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT OUR LOVED ONE HONORED HERE TODAY TOUCHED THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS PEOPLE, NOT ONLY IN THE UNITED

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STATES, BUT IN NATIONS ACROSS THE WORLD WITH HER WONDERFUL TALENT, CHARM AND GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT. HER INFLUENCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE FELT BY NEW GENERATIONS OF PERFORMING ARTISTS SHE WILL HAVE ENCOURAGED THROUGH THE PRINCESS GRACE FOUNDATION, U.S.A.

-- HER ADDITION TO THE VAST COLLECTION OF AMERICA'S GREATEST MEN AND WOMEN IS MOST APPROPRIATE IN LIGHT OF HER BRILLIANT FILM CAREER AND TIRELESS DEVOTION TO CHARITABLE AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN AMERICA AND MONACO.

-- HER FRIENDSHIP WILL STAY WITH ME ALWAYS -- I WILL LONG REMEMBER OUR DAYS IN HOLLYWOOD TOGETHER. AND AS THE YEARS WENT BY WE STILL REMAINED CLOSE ALTHOUGH OUR LIVES HAD TAKEN US VERY FAR APART.

-- SHE WAS A DEAR FRIEND, AND I KNOW WIFE AND MOTHER. HER LIFE MADE ALL OF OUR LIVES RICHER AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR THE MANY GENERATIONS THAT WILL WANDER THESE GREAT HALLS.

-- AND NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO UNVEIL THE PORTRAIT.