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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS FOR SALUTE TO JAMES STEWART DINNER
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1988

-- THANK YOU FOR THAT WARM WELCOME. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE
HERE WITH SO MANY OTHER FANS AND ADMIRERS OF JIMMY STEWART. I
THANK ALL OF YOU ASSOCIATED WITH THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF THE
MOVING IMAGE FOR INVITING ME AND GIVING ME THE PRIVILEGE OF
PRESENTING YOUR SPECIAL AWARD TO OUR DEAR FRIEND.

-- BUT BEFORE I DO THAT, LET ME TELL A LITTLE STORY. . . AS
LONG AS YOU PROMISE NOT TO TELL RONNIE. . .

[STORY]

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-- NOW, I'D LIKE TO ASK EVERYONE TO WATCH THE FINAL MOMENTS
OF ONE OF JIMMY'S MOST BELOVED FILMS, "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE."
OUR FEELINGS FOR YOU COULDN'T BE EXPRESSED ANY BETTER THAN THEY
ARE FOR GEORGE BAILEY IN THE MOVIE. . .

[FILM CLIP]

-- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MR. JIMMY STEWART. . .

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