**POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SPEECH**

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Hello everyone…. We are here today to to meet and get to know a person that truly needs no introduction….. wait a minute… don’t you **HATE** when people say **THAT**??? (**Say that with emphasis and wait for the laugh**) The reality is, you’ve heard of the “legend” of Val Demings… her accomplishments… her compassion… her record for getting into “the weeds” and working her way out of them…. her commitment to humanity, Justice, and equity for all… and whether she “needs” one or not, it’s my privilege to introduce her….

Val Demings is one of **US**… her entire life has been an expression of commitment… to her family, her community… and this country. Borne of humble beginnings in Jacksonville, Val saw how people **really** live… what it takes to survive, and what is needed to support quality of life for all. Val was raised with many “golden rules” to guide her… “Have faith,” “Never tire of doing good,” “Treat others as you want to be treated.” Those mantras are her North Star and Val has dedicated her life to fulfilling her destiny.

Never one to shirk responsibility or take the easy route, Val Demings has worked for almost her entire life to learn… improve… and positively impact her own existence and the lives of others. At fourteen, she was a dishwasher…. As the first member of her family to attend college, Val worked at a fast food restaurant supporting herself through college. It wasn’t enough for Val to “just” focus on earning her degree as a social worker in order to bring humanity to impossible situations, she became a police officer and eventually became Orlando’s first female Chief of Police…. and she was **JUST** beginning… after twenty-seven years serving in all aspects of the Police Department, Val was warmed up and ready…. to tackle state government. Her record in Congress reflected the commitments she made long ago… to improve the lots in life for all, no matter what. “Never tire of doing good….” That still rings true.

Val Demings is a juggernaut…for **GOOD**… a one-woman wrecking crew, determined to bring unity and quality of life to **ALL**. She is committed to her purpose and she does it with style, humor, heart…and her Harley….

Val Demings is more than ready to take her power, insight, and determination to the United States Senate. I think we can all agree that in these divisive times, a voice for **ALL** is critically needed, and while this incredible woman and patriot is a force to be reckoned with, her good works cannot exist in a vacuum… her effectiveness and impact urgently require **YOUR** participation as well. We are only as strong as the visionaries we support. Val Demings has mine and it is our intention that all of you find the ways… and means… to amplify and **reinforce** her commitment… and with that, ladies and gentlemen, I am proud to introduce Val Demings… our next US Senator from Florida… thank you!!