

**NAB SALUTE TO SENATE CHAIRMEN  
DAN INOUE AND TED STEVENS**

IT IS A PLEASURE AND HONOR TO SALUTE WW II HERO  
CHAIRMAN DAN INOUE BEFORE THIS PRESTIGIOUS STATE  
ASSOCIATION GROUP.

IT IS PARTICULARLY PLEASING TO ME BECAUSE ONE, I'M  
A FORMER PRESIDENT OF MY MICHIGAN BROADCASTING  
ASSOCIATION AND, TWO, I HAVE FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF  
THE HEROIC COMBAT ACTIONS OF LT. DAN INOUE. I'M THE  
ONLY ONE IN THIS AUDIENCE AND PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE  
IN WASHINGTON WHO WAS IN THE ARMY IN ITALY AND  
WITNESSING THE AWESOME HEROICS OF THE FORMER  
JAPANESE-AMERICAN 442<sup>ND</sup> REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM. IT  
WAS THIS UNIT WHERE LT. DAN INOUE WAS GRAVELY  
WOUNDED THREE TIMES HEROICALLY CHARGING AN ENEMY  
MACHINE GUN NEST IN NORTHERN ITALY. HE EARNED EVERY  
TYPE OF THE HIGHEST DISTINGUISHED COMBAT AWARDS.

IT IS INSPIRING TO SEE WWII HERO DAN INOUE ATTAIN THE LEADERSHIP POSITION OF SENIOR SENATE LEADER AND CHAIRMAN OF THIS IMPORTANT SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE. I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIS REMARKABLE WARMHEARTED INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR SENATE REPUBLICAN AND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPE TED STEVENS AT A QUELLO CENTER LUNCH. CHAIRMAN DAN STATED "HE IS A REPUBLICAN, BUT I LOVE HIM. HE IS MY BROTHER." THEIR RELATIONSHIP WAS CHARACTERIZED AS THE ULTIMATE IN BI-PARTISAN SYNERGY THAT SHOULD SERVE AS AN IDEAL EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS.

SO IT IS MOST APPROPRIATE THAT SENIOR SENATE REPUBLICAN TED STEVENS IS SALUTING BROTHER DAN INOUE TONIGHT. CHAIRMAN TED IS ALSO A WWII HERO AS A FLYING TIGER EARNING PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS AS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE FLYING CROSSES.

I'M PARTICULARLY GLAD TO TELL YOU THAT CO-CHAIRMAN DAN AND TED HAVE ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO BE

SALUTED AT MY PATRIOTIC 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY APRIL 21,  
2014 AT THE ARMY NAVY COUNTRY CLUB . YOU ARE ALL  
INVITED. JOT DOWN THE DATE.

INCIDENTALLY, AS A FELLOW WWII VETERAN I HAVE  
TAKEN THE LIBERTY TO WARN BOTH CHAIRMAN DAN AND TED  
THAT IF THEY KONK OUT ON ME BEFORE MY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY,  
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THEM. DON'T TRY THIS TACTIC ON  
IMPORTANT SENATE LEADERS UNTIL YOU ARE OVER 80 YEARS  
OLD.

I WISH WE HAD MORE TIME TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE  
WWII HEROICS OF CO-CHAIRMEN TED AND DAN BUT THIS IS  
NOT THE TIME OR PLACE.

IN SUMMARY CHAIRMEN DAN AND TED REPRESENT THE  
GREATEST OF "THE GREATEST GENERATION", A FAST  
VANISHING GROUP LEAVING THE EARTH AT THE RATE OF 2000  
PER DAY." I HAVE NO PLANS TO JOIN THAT HURRIED PHASE OF  
THAT ELITE GENERATION SOON.

MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU - - WE ALL HAVE A  
STAKE IN KEEPING IN OFFICE THESE TWO DISTINGUISHED  
SENATE LEADERS, THESE GREAT ALL AROUND HUMAN BEINGS  
AND EXPERIENCED FAIR-MINDED LEGISLATIVE LEADERS. THE  
PUBLIC, THE NATION AND HUMANITY WILL BE WELL SERVED.

ALSO, SUPPORT YOUR NAB - - IT IS DOING A SUPER JOB IN  
PROTECTING BROADCASTING FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS  
DURING THESE TURBULENT TRANSITION TIMES.

SO KEEP THE FAITH - - THE LORD BE WITH YOU, BUT NOT  
TOO SOON.