

Good morning.

To the family of Governor Harold Stassen, I welcome you to this setting with great humility.

Today we are given the opportunity to honor a man of the people.

I am humbled by the incredible journey of this man's life.

At the age of 22 he was elected Dakota County Attorney.

At 31 Governor.

At 36 he made an extraordinary sacrifice. Governor Stassen resigned his position and joined the Navy. Serving until 1945 Governor Stassen was awarded six major battle stars.

I am overwhelmed by his bravery and awed by his selfless dedication to his country.

Chosen by President Roosevelt, he was a delegate to the United Nations charter conference in 1945.

He was the President of University of Pennsylvania, a candidate for President of the United States and a member of President Eisenhower's cabinet.

On behalf of the people of Minnesota I am honored to memorialize a man who gave so much of his life to the people.

For this we shall be forever grateful and will never forget.