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Recessional

Walter F. Mondale

Walter F. Mondale's record of public service includes Vice President of the United States, U.S. Ambassador to Japan, U.S. Senator, and Attorney General for the State of Minnesota. He was also the Democratic Party's nominee for President in 1984. On March 17, 1997, President Clinton announced that Mondale would co-chair a new bipartisan Education and Awareness Project on Campaign Reform. Walter Mondale is currently a partner with the law firm of Dorsey & Whitney LLP, headquartered in Minneapolis with 16 offices worldwide.

Walter Frederick ("Fritz") Mondale was born in Ceylon, Minnesota on January 5, 1928. He is married to the former Joan Adams. They have three children, Theodore, Eleanor Jane and William. They also have three grandchildren.

Mondale helped manage Hubert H. Humphrey's first successful U.S. Senate campaign in 1948. Mondale then earned his B.A. in political science from the University of Minnesota in 1951. After completing service as a corporal in the U.S. Army, Mondale received his L.L.B. (*cum laude*) from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1956. Mondale served on the Minnesota Law Review and as a clerk for the Minnesota Supreme Court. Mondale was a Distinguished University Fellow in Law and Public Affairs at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. In 1990, Mondale established the Mondale Policy Forum at the Humphrey Institute to bring together leading scholars and policymakers for conferences on domestic and international issues. Mondale has authored the book *The Accountability of Power: Toward a Responsible Presidency* and has written numerous articles on domestic and international issues.

Since returning from Japan, Mondale has become the director of several non-profit and corporate boards including the Mayo Foundation, University of Minnesota Foundation, BlackRock Funds, CAN Financial Corp. and Northwest Airlines. In May 1997, Mondale will join the boards of Interra Financial, St. Jude Medical and United Healthcare. Mondale serves on the executive committee of the Peace Prize Forum, an annual conference co-sponsored by the Norwegian Nobel Institute and five Midwestern colleges of Norwegian heritage.

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At first we were afraid, we were petrified
We applied to law school and thought that we would die
But the rumor of reading cases for thirteen hour days
Was a lie because we bought outlines!

We were naïve and unaware
Of the Socratic method, email and those multicolored chairs
We came in and we studied till the very early morn
Till our eyes had grown weary and our casebooks pretty worn.

We read Hawkins v. McGee
And all about that pregnant cow, Rose of Aberlone
We knew the hundred dairy cases better than ourselves
Res Ipsa Loquitur, and banana peels that fell!

But hey, we're done! We did survive!
We've spent our time down in that basement and we're still alive
So many days, so many nights, we thought we'd never see the light
But we survived, we did survive!

Hey, Hey! [musical interlude]

It took all the strength we had not to fall apart
When we started law school, we thought that we were smart
And we spent oh so many nights just feeling sorry for ourselves
We used to cry, but now we hold our heads up high!

Done with third year, our time was short
We lost our carrels and we gained much paperwork to sort
We had to take the PR Bar and a seminar
We had to finish applications for our respective State Bars.

Go on now go, walk out the door
Don't turn around now, don't need to be here anymore
You'll see our ads on t.v. and think we're full of lies
But we've got bills, and we want to stay alive!

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So many days, so many nights, we thought we'd never see the light
But we survived, we did survive!

Ohh...[break]

Now we're so close, yet we must part
After our three years, now the real world must start
We've found that we've grown up within those basement walls
We've relied on our friends and our professors through it all.

We are strong and we're the best
We can do anything, anywhere, we'll pass our final test
We are the Class of '97, we have vision, we have drive
We survived, we did survive! We did survive!

3L Choir

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for her guidance!

1st Class Gift Ever!

The Class of 1997 starts a great tradition...

Endowment to fund an award beginning
at our fifth year reunion commencement in 2002
which will go to meet one year's worth of student
loan payments for a graduating student who is
providing civil legal services to indigent clients.