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Young people see a devastating war. They see injustice. And they ask, well, what's so great about America? Well, we do have serious problems. And yet, your presence here tonight tells me that great things are still possible in this great country of America.

When I was a child, my mother, in her fondest moments, could not have expected that one of her sons would someday be a United States congressman. After all, here I was, born into a poor Mexican-American family, in a small, rural town, and a Catholic. And yet, today, that possibility does exist.

American people are capable of magnificent things. You know, that's been America's message to the world, and I think it can be again.

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Reveles, he's been there.

He used to shine shoes over at Hawkin's Shoe Shine bar. And then he washed windows around town, started at the bottom. And then he got himself a little band and played out in the street dances.

Since Robert has been in Washington. He's always kept us in mind. And when we've been in need, for anything that we need the government to help us out, or problems that we know that we need someone in Washington to direct us, I immediately think of Robert.

Real enthusiastic. I knew he was going to go places one of these days.

So I thought of Robert, and I wrote him, telling him about our difficulty, and within a week's time, we had 200 books.

I guess the most important thing about Bob Reveles, he knows the people of this state. And he owes nothing to the big shots.

Reveles, he's been there when people needed him.

Listening to people, an important part of a congressman's job.

We've had people to run for office, and people could talk, people could resolve their differences without

killing each other.

For 16 years, he's been listening to Arizonans and helping with their problems.

And another thing, Bob. How about all these drugs?

He's been a staff professional in Congress, but he'd like to do more. He could, as Congressman Reveles.

I'll tell you what I think. We simply have to end the war. National health insurance for the elderly and middle Americans, anti-pollution laws with teeth. We need to have a farm program. We haven't had one in four years proposed to the Congress.

More than a decade of work on Capitol Hill has made Bob Reveles an expert on Congress, and on the needs of the state he has helped represent.

Those are priorities that we have to start thinking about.

He's been there.

And his strong point is that he's very loyal and very thoughtful. He's always been thoughtful of his hometown. He comes home to see us and visits us all, takes care of our problems, And in addition to his work for us, is a thoroughly delightful boy, that's young man, I should say.

Reveles. He's been there when people needed him.

He's been there. He thinks government should be more than paying taxes and fighting wars. He'd like to help change that. And he thinks he could, as Congressman Reveles.

For 16 years, as a congressional aide, he's shown a special devotion to the problems of the elderly. He wants to do more. He can, as Congressman Reveles.

For a third of his life, as a congressional aide, he's been listening to Arizonans and helping with their problems. He wants to do more, as Congressman Reveles.