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A True Leader Governs From a Position of Honor

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The mark of a true leader is the measure of honor that he or she bestows upon society. We look to our leaders for service and direction. We crave leaders who have pure motives, who serve not to gain power or prestige in the accolades of the position they assume, but who serve their constituencies at hand and who carry out the responsibilities bestowed upon them with fortitude, respect and humility.

The purpose of this commentary is not to be critical of any of our current leaders, Democrat, Republican or Independent, but to point out measures of virtue and strength that the American electorate should look for in our governmental leadership going forward. I don't have to agree with an individual in order to respect that person. I am moved by leaders who articulate their position and govern accordingly based on pure and honorable motives, as opposed to individuals who favor positions based on popularity or the latest poll. Such leaders do not concern themselves with who is going to get the glory or recognition but carry out the responsibilities of their elected office for the good of the people who they lead. Such leaders cross the aisle to work with others of different positions to get the job done. These are individuals we can all respect. Americans want to hear truth, and we want to see action!!

A friend of mine forwarded me the following summary on Harry Truman, the 43rd President of the United States, which I would like to share with you. Some of these facts may shock you. As you read this biographical summary of Mr. Truman, consider the spirit of honor and attitude of service that we need to cultivate in future leaders of our nation...



***“Harry Truman was a different kind of President. He probably made as many, or more important decisions regarding our nation's history as any of the other 42 Presidents preceding him. However, a measure of his greatness may rest on what he did after he left the White House. The only asset he had when he died was the house he lived in, which was in Independence Missouri. His wife had inherited the house from her mother and father and other than their years in the White House, they lived their entire lives there.*”**

When he retired from office in 1952, his income was a U.S. Army pension reported to have been \$13,507.72 a year. Congress, noting that he was paying for his stamps and personally licking them, granted him an 'allowance' and, later, a retroactive pension of \$25,000 per year. After President Eisenhower was inaugurated, Harry and Bess drove home to Missouri by themselves. There was no Secret Service following them. When offered corporate positions at large salaries, he declined, stating, 'You don't want me. You want the office of the President, and that doesn't belong to me. It belongs to the American people and it's not for sale.' Even later, on May 6, 1971, when Congress was preparing to award him the Medal of Honor on his 87th birthday, he refused to accept it, writing, 'I don 't consider that I have done anything which should be the reason for any award, Congressional or otherwise.' As president he paid for all of his own travel expenses and food...”

Let's remember our roots and continue to seek leaders who govern from a position of honor!

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