

**Re-Election Night comments, Jay Waldman followed by
Governor Thornburgh, Philadelphia, November 2, 1982
(12:56)**

>> Waldman: Because I see so many people here who have worked so hard to make his victory possible, anybody that has watched television since 7:00 tonight has to understand that we're experiencing one of the most incredible Democrat ties seen at the polls in this country probably in 50 years. You saw in the last two weeks Republican leads in states like New York and Illinois, as well as Pennsylvania, 15 and even 20 points evaporate in a period of days. So, I think it's a real tribute, not only to the quality of leadership that Governor Dick Thornburgh has displayed, but to the incredible commitment and the hard work of virtually everyone in this room and scores of other people who could not join us tonight, that with an incredible trend going almost from coast to coast in this country, people like Dick Thornburgh and John Heinz were able to withstand that, even as unfortunately, in our state, many very good Republicans in House and Senate races are going down to defeat. But --

>> Attendee: Go get 'em, Thornburgh!

>> Waldman: I would like to say, finally, that about three minutes ago, Congressman Ertel did call and indicated that he expects that the current projections will bear up. He expects the governor to be re-elected and wished him well.

[Cheers and applause]

So, if you all -- If you all will just continue to party and enjoy yourselves, it's well-earned and well-deserved. The governor will be down in about 10 or 15 minutes and will want to thank you all personally himself. He's -- Enjoy yourself, have fun. Give him about 10 minutes. He's getting ready. He'll be down. Thank you all very much.

[Cheers and applause]

[Upbeat music plays]

[Cheers and applause continue]

>> Thornburgh: Oh! I love it. Hi, Bob! Robert. Okay. Whoa! Whoa. Oh-ho!

[Laughs]

Oh-ho! Whoa! Can't quiet them down. Whoa-ho! Hup, hup, hup!

[Song concludes]
[Cheers and applause]

Thank you! Thank you. Thank you! Thank you all very much. Take a deep breath. Thank you all very much. I just had a call from Congressman Ertel. He expressed his congratulations to me and extended to me, graciously, his best wishes for the next four years.

[Cheers and applause]

I thanked him for his congratulations and assured him that his best wishes were received in the spirit in which they were tendered and that we would indeed work for the next four years for the good of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

[Cheers and applause]

We've been looking at a lot of numbers all night, and I know you have here, too. And I think that we want to be sure that we button down those numbers before we get carried away. But they right now indicate that the Thornburgh-Scranton team is gonna be around for another four years.

[Cheers and applause]

You know... I've often heard and sometimes used the expression "swimming against the tide," but I will tell you that I did not know how tough a swim it was and how rough a tide it was until this evening. And I think that we can be very proud here in Pennsylvania that it appears that we have stood up to the best efforts that have been made to convince people to vote straight Democratic across the nation and that we stand among those who stood for the principles that have guided this administration in Pennsylvania that has drawn upon the support of Democrats and Independents, as well as our own Republican party and that that, more than anything else, has exemplified the fact that we have been able, apparently, to win a great victory tonight.

[Cheers and applause]

Now -- I want to -

[Cheers and applause continue]

I want to say to you -- I want to say to you that the programs that this administration has carried out and the principles for which we have stood and the change which we have brought to Pennsylvania since we took office in 1979 have not only stood us in good stead on November 2, 1982. I suggest to you that they will stand this state in good stead for the next four years.

[Cheers and applause]

And -

[Cheers and applause continue]

And recognizing that every one of us here tonight and those who have formed the loyal opposition over the last six or eight months have differed immensely throughout this campaign on identifying needs and solutions to problems, that today we ought to pull together and put Pennsylvania's needs first and draw upon the goodness of the people of this commonwealth and the strength of our 300 years of history.

[Cheers and applause]

Because -

[Cheers and applause continue]

Because, my friends, we have a lot of work to do. The problems of this state and this nation will not bend to the solutions of the ideologues and the slogan shouters and those who would have you believe that the pie-in-the-sky promise and the easy solution is at hand. There's a lot of hard work to do, but we have always engendered, in this state, the principles and the strengths that have embodied the greatness that have made this nation strong. And I think once again, we in Pennsylvania can draw together and do the job. And I invite everyone here and watching to join in that effort.

[Cheers and applause]

Let me say -- Let me say that it is as obvious to you as it is to me that this is an effort that has required a remarkable amount of cooperation amongst a great diversity of people across this commonwealth. You're all represented here this evening, either in person or by proxy. And I think the fact that we have had outstanding leaders from nearly every walk of life come forward to aid in this administration and this campaign is indicative of the

fact that we can work together to do the job. You all know each of your contributions, but I want to mention some particular strengths that have been given to this campaign by particular people. First and foremost, my family, who has stood with me shoulder-to-shoulder.

[Cheers and applause]

And most particularly, my first lady forever, Ginny Thornburgh.

[Cheers and applause]

It -- This -- This life is a tough life on families. Those of you who have shared the public spotlight with me and with others know that there's a lot of time that you have to take away from your families, and the time that you spend with them is often eaten into by your own fatigue or preoccupation with the affairs at hand. And the strength that comes from a supportive family is something that can't be duplicated anywhere in this world, and I thank God for it.

[Cheers and applause]

I also -

[Cheers and applause continue]

I also want to mention two very special people, one of whom who has been with me throughout my public life and provided the kind of counsel and guidance that you need when the chips are down -- a friend, a valued counselor, and one of the wisest men that I've known in public life in my career, Jay Waldman. Jay.

[Cheers and applause]

And the other -- The other is the field marshal of the operation that enabled us to swim against the tide, the man who brought the Montgomery County principle of winning to 67 counties, Bob Asher. Robert, come here.

[Cheers and applause]

And to the -- to the members of my cabinet, of my administration, those people who have served on boards and commissions, those people who were out there today at the polls, those folks who represent the real strength of this great commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I see so many of you here this evening. And

we're deeply grateful. I say to you, thanks, God bless, and let's keep slugging for Pennsylvania.

[Cheers and applause]

[Upbeat music plays]

>> Thornburgh: George!

[Laughs]