Woody Jenkins: ... As I thought about our speaker today and a story I might tell you that would illustrate the kind of person that he is, I thought of the story of the man who was walking in the mountains near his home and, as he was going through the mountain path, he came upon a great stone which had fallen in the way, and he tried to find a way to push it aside or to go around it, and he could not.

And he prayed that God would give him the strength to do something about it. And, at that moment, our Lord God himself appeared before him, and he said, "My son, I want you to come every day and push this stone".

So, day after day, every day the man would come and push the rock in the summer heat and the winter snow and in the rain, and every evening return to his home at the foot of the mountain.

Day after day he did that, month after month, and year after year. And, finally, one day, as he was pushing the stone, he fell down, he collapsed, and he prayed again to God. He said, "My God I cannot move this stone". And, at that moment, again God appeared before him and stretched out his finger, and suddenly the rock just moved aside, and God said, "My son I did not need you to move the stone. I simply asked you to push".

And that's what I think God really is asking of each one of us is to push --- to keep pushing.

And I know of no person in the conservative movement today, no patriot, who is more persistent in pushing --- day after day, month after month, year after year, than Howard Phillips.

Now Howard is not all good. I can tell you that. He went to Harvard. As a matter of fact, Howard was the President of the student body on two occasions at Harvard University or Harvard College, and he went on from there to be, I guess, probably the youngest Chairman of the Republican Party in Boston in history.

He went on and served in the notorious Nixon Administration where he was for a time head of the Office of Economic Opportunity and attempted to phase out that program.

After that stint in the Federal government, Howard launched into what has become a lifetime career of organizing the conservative movement nationwide through The Conservative Caucus.

And, whenever there has been a fight for the last generation, he has been there at the front. At one point, he traveled to every Congressional district in America --- all 435 --- organizing the conservatives. He led the effort, district by district, against the Panama Canal treaty and against the SALT II treaty. He has been at the forefront of the fight for the "Right to Life" and against socialized medicine and against special rights for homosexuals. He has been in the forefront of leading