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Mrs. Pearson, Mr. Minister, the Reverend Clergy, members of the U.S.-Canadian Commission, distinguished guests and friends of Campobello:

It is a great pleasure to be here with my good friend, Mrs. Pearson. We both recall that auspicious moment last January when the agreement designating Campobello as an international park was signed in the Treaty Room at the White House.

We all know that Campobello is unique. Its name has become synonymous with greatness. In a troubled time, it stands as witness to our unfortified boundaries and to our friendship with our generous Canadian neighbors.

As an American, the journey to Campobello must always be partly a pilgrimage for me. It was here, among these bays and books and boats that the shaping of a President took place. In all of Franklin Roosevelt's accounts one senses the reservoirs of exuberance, strength and vitality which summers on Campobello filled to overflowing. This island, this house obviously had an over-reaching emotional attachment for him.

It was here too that tragedy struck, and it was here that a man triumphed over adversity. It wasn't until after the completion of his "First hundred days" as President in 1933 that Franklin Roosevelt returned to his "Beloved Island". Having achieved spiritual victory over disaster, he could once more face the scene where fate had struck him down.

Both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt knew the meaning of courage sustained by compassion in every day of their lives.

Because of the generosity and imagination of the Hammer family, today we dedicate this valuable landmark as an inspiration for all future generations. This island off the northeastern coast of our continent will always turn its face toward the sunrise of world events -- the Sunrise at Campobello.

It warms my heart to share this platform with members of the Roosevelt family. The spirit of Franklin D. Roosevelt surely hovers on this auspicious scene, ready to counsel the members of the joint Commission.

In one of T. S. Eliot's "Four Quartets" he speaks of the "still point of the turning world" and adds, "In the end is my beginning." Campobello fortunately for us all, is one of the still points in a changing world. I believe that Franklin Delano Roosevelt would consider that today we have made a good beginning.

Thank you.

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