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Mr. Mayor, friends:

It is a great pleasure to come to Columbus. As a matter of fact, like many Americans, my introduction to Columbus was through one of your most famous citizens, Mr. James Thurber. I have wanted to come ever since I was intrigued by his delightful line: "Columbus is a town in which almost anything is likely to happen and in which almost everything has."

Mr. Thurber, were he here today, would find that these words ring true this week! The citizens have just had two days of Republican oratory and now you are about to have two days of it from the Democrats.

Well -- I am sure Columbus will survive -- and naturally I hope -- so will the Democrats!

Mr. Mayor, I want you to know how much I appreciate the wonderful turnout here on your doorsteps. I am glad, too, to hear that out there in the crowd are some schoolteachers from all over Ohio. Schoolteachers hold a special place in my heart. You know I married one, but he left for other fields.

Mr. Mayor, I'm delighted to be here -- I am especially delighted when I learned that it is your birthday. I join your fellow townsmen in wishing you Happy Birthday.

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