

**Remarks of L. Clifford Goff, former mayor of Ogden City,
introducing Gregory P. Hawkins on the steps of the Utah State Capital Building
Wednesday, June 16,1999.**

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is indeed a very beautiful day and exciting things happen on beautiful day.

It is my candid honor to address you for just a moment and introduce to you a true patriot, indeed a God fearing patriot. I want you to know that I am a better man, I am a better citizen because I can count one Gregory P. Hawkins as a true friend.

Greg is the paradigm citizen politician, fully qualified yet of the people. It has been my privilege to have known Gregory Hawkins for over 20 years. During that period I knew that at some point he would be assuming this role as a public servant for the people of Utah.

There are undoubtedly some of you who are listening to me that may not know Greg Hawkins, yet. There were those who had never heard of Abraham Lincoln when he started. I promise you that you are going to get to know Greg and whether you decide to vote for him or not, I know that you will gain an ardent and profound respect for this man.

Greg is the product of five generations of Utahns - His great, great grandmother having arrived in the Salt Lake Valley by way of hand cart. He is a product of the higher education system that Utah offers. He was graduated from BYU and then in 1984 received his Juris Doctor at the University of Utah.

He lives in Riverton, which we can almost see from this point, with his beloved wife Katherine Zirker Hawkins and their 12 children. Of the twelve, three have been adopted, some with special needs. And as we would very well know, with 12 children in a family, Greg has had experiences that most of us have not encountered.

Now, not only has Greg practiced law in Utah for these past 15 years, but also he has taught our children [attending] both high school and...the University of Utah these past 13 years.

Greg has and is a prodigious student of governmental affairs. Because of his father's career as an officer in the United States Air Force, he has lived in California, Hawaii, Georgia, Florida and Kentucky, all the while observing the role that government has in our lives.

He has had the privilege of gleaning first hand knowledge of this exemplary and genteel state by first traveling extensively throughout Utah, from border to border, for two years while in the service of his God. And second by continuing to develop his knowledge and understanding by traversing throughout Utah for reasons associated with his law practice, for business and pleasure.

We can now begin to understand why Greg is uniquely qualified to serve the people of Utah. He loves and respects his Utah heritage. His character is impeccable. His integrity is second to no one. He lives the life in the trenches, shoulder to shoulder, with others who love Utah.

Gregory P. Hawkins values the plurality of this nation and understands the language of government - that being the law. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my honor to present to you a man that I love, that I respect. I honor, I sustain him in all that he wishes to do. Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Gregory P. Hawkins.