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The Honorable Jason Carter
Grandson of President Jimmy Carter
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Hello. I'm Jason Carter.

My grandfather, President Jimmy Carter, will celebrate his 100th birthday in October. I call him Papa. And I can tell you that he wishes he could be here tonight.

He and my grandmother led their lives with an unwavering faith in God, respect for human dignity, honesty, and a commitment to loving their neighbors as themselves.

Those principles guided them throughout their lives, including during their four years in the White House and the four decades since. For my grandfather, it was never about fame, recognition, accolades, or awards. His legacy is measured by the lives he has touched and the good he has done.

Kamala Harris carries my grandfather's legacy. She knows what's right and fights for it.

She understands that leadership is about service, not selfishness. That you can show strength and demonstrate decency. And that you can get a whole lot more done with a smile than with a scowl.

Papa's holding on. He is hopeful. And though his body may be weak, his spirit is as strong as ever.

My grandfather can't wait to vote for Kamala Harris. She reminds us all that the promise of America remains unchanged: We are one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

And my grandfather knows that, with her as our next president, we will keep that promise.

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