

Op/Ed Piece for submission to the OMAHA WORLD HERALD:

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It is too early to make predictions about the upcoming contest for the Presidency. Without question, the race will require enormous energy and unswerving dedication. But I write out of the same confident spirit.

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I have always been proud to be a Nebraskan, for I know its way of life to be trustworthy. Thus, I will be swelling with pride in the days ahead. I am certain that Bob Kerrey will address the current challenge with courage and wisdom.



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The stakes this time are even higher. Without question, the race will require enormous energy and unswerving dedication. But I write out of the same confident spirit.

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I have always been proud to be a Nebraskan, for the way of life it fosters is thoroughly trustworthy. I am immensely proud at this moment for I am certain that Bob Kerrey will address the current challenge with extraordinary courage and wisdom.