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**Accepting re-nomination**

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[Speech Accepting Renomination for State Senate]

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Franklin D. Roosevelt's

Speech Accepting Re-nomination as Democratic Candidate for  
N.Y. State Senator from the 26th Senatorial District,  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Aug. 24, 1912.

"October, 1910, was the first time that it was my pleasure to stand on this platform and in going over some papers the other day I found the first public speech I ever made which I delivered upon that occasion and I will read you a few words from it:

'For nearly 20 years Dutchess County and the neighboring counties were represented by those who took orders from two or three men in Chatham and Poughkeepsie. These gentlemen still control. I now accept this nomination with absolute independence and seek only to represent the wishes of the whole district.'

With your permission I repeat and emphasize these words today. I realize the great honor that you have conferred upon me and feel it deeply. In running this year I will do all I can in this district for the Democratic cause and all I can for the other candidates from this district. I hope the election will be like two years ago when you elected the best Congressman this district ever had at Washington and the best Assemblyman that the district ever had in Albany.

I now ask to be accepted on my record. I have tried to represent the people of the whole district to the best of

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my ability. I also realize that in places the Democrats are not in accord with one another as they ought to be and to have success I believe in unity.

I believe thoroughly in representative government and majority rule. I have tried to do my share of carrying out the wishes and working for the best interests of the district which I represent. We are going to take action which is bound to assure the election of the whole Democratic ticket this Fall and if I am elected I will use my utmost efforts for the Democratic party."

from: Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) News-Press, Aug. 26, 1912, p.8.

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