**Donal Trump’s Speech after Winning Florida, Illinois, and North Carolina Speech on March 15, 2016**

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Thank you. Thank you! Thank you very much everybody. This was an amazing evening. This was a great evening. They just announced North Carolina. I don’t know if they’ve even announced Illinois yet but we’re leading by a lot so I think they’re going to announce it. Florida was so amazing. And I want to thank our friends. Northern Marianas Islands have been so incredible, and we picked up nine delegates this morning. I heard very early in the morning — nine delegates. That’s a lot. And I just wanted to thank the governor, Ralph Torres, great guy, Chairman [James] Ada who was a fantastic man and that was a very nice start to the day. That I can tell you. Many things have been happening over the last short period of time. CNN was very nice. They came up with a poll. The poll said 49% to 14% and 15%. We just had one from the Economist just came out — 53%. And it was sort of interesting because I was watching the news a little while ago and one of the commentators, who I’m not particularly fond of but these are minor details, said “But Donald Trump doesn’t get over 50%” because I’m at 43%, 45%. Actually now according to the Economist, I’m at 53%. And I have to explain to these people they don’t understand basic physics, basic mathematics, basic whatever you want to call it. When I don’t get over 50%, we have four people. Right? We have four people. Do you understand that? So when I get 53% — and this one is an example, I had 53% and that’s with four people. That’s an achievement just mathematically when you can get over 50%. So someday, someday they’re going to understand, someday when we take it all, they’ll understand. But it is really ridiculous. I want to thank my family. My boy, Eric and Don. They’ve been working so hard. Ivanka and Jared have been amazing. Ivanka’s home right now. In about two minutes, I’ll call her. She’s about to have a baby so I don’t know. We’ve been thinking about that now for a little while but Ivanka has been so helpful and Jared has been amazing and it’s been just great. I want to thank Barron for putting up with the fact that I never see him anymore. And I want to thank Barron. I never see my Barron and it’s his birthday on Sunday so we’re very happy about that. So it’s a little tough. You know, we’re going away and he goes, “When are you going to be come home, daddy? When are you coming home?” I said, “Well, in about two and a half weeks.” It’s been pretty tough.

You’re traveling all over the place. It’s really amazing. Yesterday I went up to Ohio. I went up to Youngstown. We had an incredible crowd and just amazing people in this country. We have so, so many great people. We will someday in the not so distant future if I win — otherwise it’s not going to happen I have to be honest with you. But Apple and all of these great companies will be making their product in the United States, not in China, Vietnam and all of — And we’re not going to be losing our companies. You know, our companies are leaving our country rapidly, rapidly, whether it’s Carrier air conditioning, whether it’s Ford, whether it’s Eaton. I was in Cleveland and Eaton Corp. they’re leaving and so many companies are leaving. And frankly, I’m disgusted with it and I’m tired of seeing it and there’s no reason for it. It’s just gross incompetence at the highest level. We should not allow it to happen. Pfizer, great company, pharmaceutical company, they’re going to Ireland. And there’s so many more. You have corporate inversions. You have people who can’t get their money back into the country because the politicians can’t get along. They can’t make a deal. Everybody agrees — Democrat and Republican — everybody agrees the money should come back…trillion dollars outside of this country. Everybody agrees that the money should be here and the politicians for three years haven’t been able to make a deal. And we could make a deal. There’s an example of something that you could do if I sat down with a few of the senators, a few of the congressmen, you could make a deal on that in 10 minutes if you know what you’re doing because everybody wants to do it. And companies are actually leaving our country to get their money, not only because our taxes are too high, which we’re going to lower by the way. But companies are leaving our country in order to go and get money that’s their money because there’s no way of bringing it in. So, we’ve got a long way to go. But I think at some point it’s going to get done. This has been very exciting, this whole process. We started, I was one of 17 people — senators, governors. I’ve had such great support. Dr. Ben Carson the other day endorsed us. Great guy. Great guy. Wonderful man. And Chris Christie endorsed us. That was so incredible. And today Pam Bondi came up and endorsed us. She was great. She is a truly wonderful woman, of the job she’s done in Florida is incredible. You know, so many — we’ve had such incredible support. Paul Ryan called me the other day — tremendous call. I spoke with Mitch McConnell today. We had a great conversation. The fact is we have to bring our party together. We have to bring it together. We have something happening that actually makes the Republican Party probably the biggest political story anywhere in the world. Everybody’s writing about it all over Europe, all over the world they’re talking about it. Millions of people are coming in to vote. This was an example of it today. Many, many more people. I’m looking at the polling booths. I’m looking at the different polling booths all around the country where it’s up. And the lines are four, five, six blocks long. And the woman — one woman was there for 40 years. She’s been working the polls. And she said, “We’d have two people here. We’d have three people. Now look at the line.” And the line looked like it was, you know, long. It was really long. Five deep and long. And it’s just a different thing. We have a great opportunity and the people that are voting are Democrats are coming in, Independents are coming in, and very, very importantly, people that never voted before. It’s an incredible thing.

I want to pay my respects by the way to Todd Palin, Sarah’s husband. Sarah was here. She was incredible. She was making a speech on my behalf and fantastic and everybody loves her. And what happened is he was in a very bad accident. He’s tough as nails. He’s going to be fine. But I just wanted to pay my respects by the way to Todd. So, our theme when we started and Melania and I came down. Yeah, sit down everybody. Please. I mean, this is Mar-a-Lago. We give you seats. You don’t have to stand. I’m looking at all these people. Cory, good job, Cory. Good job. And Hope and our whole squad. Right? So when this began, Melania and I and I said, “Got to do it.” And she was so supportive and she’s been so supportive. It’s been amazing. And we have to do it. We came down the escalator and it was about trade and it was about borders. And what happened is pretty quickly after that and we were — we shot right up. I shot right to the top of the polls and have been leading in the polls almost from the beginning without fail. We went up in June. Most people said I’ll never run. He’s just going to have fun. He’s having a good time. This isn’t necessarily — I mean, I’m having a good time. You know, I’m having a very nice time. But you know what? I’m working very hard and there is great anger. Believe me. There is great anger. One of the broadcasters was saying, “Is there anger?” And I said…I was supposed to say, “No, there’s not. We love the way things are working. We love the deal you made with Iran. It’s wonderful. You give them $150 billion. We get nothing. We love all the deals. The trade deals are wonderful. You lose $500 billion a year with China. We lose $58 billion a year in terms of imbalance. It’s a total imbalance.” We don’t make good deals anymore. We don’t win anymore. As a country, we don’t win anymore. And they asked, “Is there anger from your people?”…They’re not angry people but they want to see the country properly run. They want to see borders. They want to see good health care. They want to see things properly taken care of. They want our military rebuilt. Our military is in a very bad state. They want it rebuilt. Very, very importantly, and they want the Second Amendment by the way protected and protected strongly and that’s going to happen. And you know what they want so badly? They want our veterans taken care of. Our veterans are treated so badly.

So, we started and something happened called Paris. Paris happened and Paris was a disaster. That was — there have been many disasters. But it was Paris. And then we had a case in Los Angeles where it was in California where the 14 young people were killed. And it just goes on and on and on. And what happened with me is this whole run took on a whole new meaning, not just borders, not just good trade deals. We’re going to make the best trade deals you’ve ever seen. We’ve got such endorsements from Carl Icahn and the smartest people in business. And these people are going to be negotiating our deals and they’re the best in the world. We have the best business people in the world. We’re going to have such great deals. We’re going to do so good with trade. We’re going to do so good on the border. But it took on a whole new meaning, and the meaning was very simple. We need protection in our country and that’s going to happen and all of a sudden the poll numbers shot up. And I’m just very proud to be a part of this. I think we’re going to go. We’re going to go on a lot of trips over the next month but I think we’re going to have a great victory. And I think more importantly than anything else we are going to start winning again. This country is going to start winning again. We don’t win anymore. We don’t win with our military. We can’t beat ISIS. We’re going to knock the hell out of them. We don’t win at trade — China, everybody, Japan, Mexico, Vietnam, India, name the country. Anybody we deal, anybody we do business with beats us. We don’t win at trade. We’re going to win at trade. We’re going to make our country rich again. We’re going to make our country great again. And we need the rich in order to make the great, I’m sorry to tell you. So, I’m going forward. We had a fantastic evening. I would have never thought this could have happened. I guess we’re waiting for one result which possibly will be very successful also. But to win the states that we’ve won and to win by the margins and especially, look, this is my second home, Florida. To win by that kind of a number is incredible. It’s record-setting.

And I have to say that number one, I want to congratulate Marco Rubio on having run a really tough campaign. He’s tough. He’s smart. And he’s got a great future. He’s got a great future. But I have to say and nobody has ever, ever in the history of politics received the kind of negative advertising that I have. Record, record, record. By the way, mostly false. I wouldn’t say 100% but about 90%. Mostly false, vicious, horrible. They said it was $18 million the first week, meaning last week, and $25 million. It added up to over $40 million. And you explain it to me because I can’t — my numbers went up. I don’t understand it. Nobody understands it. My numbers went up. I mean, it’s been an interesting experience. Last week, Adam Scott won at the Trump National Doral. Won the big tournament, the world championship of golf. And Adam, who’s a great guy — I guess a lot of you folks saw that — but I’m watching…we have television screens all over. We’re down at this gorgeous green at Doral and everything is working beautifully and then a commercial comes on. The worst commercial and I’m with these wonderful people from Cadillac and all these top executives, and I’m saying, “Look over there! Look! Don’t watch it. Don’t. You don’t want to watch it.” I’m saying, “Isn’t the grass beautiful? Look! Look! Don’t watch.” And they came in waves one after another after another and it was brutal. And then Adam comes in. He’s this handsome kid from Australia, one of the greatest golfers in the world, made an unbelievable shot on the 18th hole to win the tournament. He’s a great champion. And we’re giving the award. And just before we break for a commercial, “We’ll be right back with our great champion from Australia, Adam Scott” and here’s the commercial and I said, “No!” And it was two of them — two of them. Oh, what a day that was. What a disaster. What a disaster. Unbelievable. So again, I just want to congratulate everybody. This is a really interesting process. It’s an amazing process. It’s very tough. But it is — by the end, if you get to the end, you can handle a lot of things including pressure because there’s nothing like it. Lies, deceit, viciousness, disgusting reporters, horrible people. It’s true. Some are nice. Some are nice. Some really disgusting people back there. And I just want to say we’re going to go forward and we’re going to win. But more importantly, we’re going to win for the country. We’re going to win, win, win, and we’re not stopping. We’re going to have great victories for our country. Thank you very much everybody! Thank you!

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