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We're not going to have the America that we want until we elect leaders who are going to tell the truth - not most days, but every day.

~Ann Richards

After all, Ginger Rogers did everything that Fred Astaire did. She just did it backwards and in high heels.

~Ann Richards

I've been tested by fire, and the fire lost.

~Ann Richards

You can put lipstick and earrings on a hog and call it Monique, but it's still a pig.

~Ann Richards

I get a lot of cracks about my hair, mostly from men who don't have any.

~Ann Richards

I believe in recovery, and I believe that as a role model I have the responsibility to let young people know that you can make a mistake and come back from it.

~Ann Richards

We have forgotten to be our brothers and sisters keepers. And we have forgotten that the Number 1 goal is to love one another.

~Ann Richards

The here and now is all we have, and if we play it right it's all we'll need.

~Ann Richards

I have a real soft spot in my heart for librarians and people who care about books.

~Ann Richards

I did not want my tombstone to read, 'She kept a really clean house.'

~Ann Richards

Power is what calls the shots, and power is a white male game.

~Ann Richards

Well, you know my number one cause has always been that women's reproductive health needs to be protected.

~Ann Richards

Life isn't fair, but government must be.

~Ann Richards

If you think taking care of yourself is selfish, change your mind. If you don't, you're simply ducking your responsibilities.

~Ann Richards

I've always told my children that life is like a layer cake. You get to put one layer on top of the other, and whether you frost it or not is up to you.

~Ann Richards

One of the most valuable lessons I learned...is that we all have to learn from our mistakes, and we learn from those mistakes a lot more than we learn from the things we succeeded in doing.

~Ann Richards

I did not want my tombstone to read, 'She kept a really clean house.' I think I'd like them to remember me by saying, 'She opened government to everyone.'

~Ann Richards

Learn to enjoy your own company. You are the one person you can count on living with for the rest of your life.

~Ann Richards

Let me tell you, sisters, seeing dried egg on a plate in the morning is a lot dirtier than anything I've had to deal with in politics.

~Ann Richards

Teaching was the hardest work I had ever done, and it remains the hardest work I have done to date.

~Ann Richards

I've always said that in politics, your enemies can't hurt you, but your friends will kill you.

~Ann Richards

I thought I knew Texas pretty well, but I had no notion of its size until I campaigned it.

~Ann Richards

If you can't fill the till, then don't pass the bill.

~Ann Richards

A road to a friend's house is never long.

~Ann Richards

I have very strong feelings about how you lead your life. You always look ahead, you never look back.

~Ann Richards

Cherish your friends and family as if your life depended on it. Because it does.

~Ann Richards

Doctors are our partners, and they need all the assistance we can give them to be sure we get the right diagnosis.

~Ann Richards

I have always had the feeling I could do anything and my dad told me I could. I was in college before I found out he might be wrong.

~Ann Richards

Poor George [Bush], he can't help it. He was born with a silver foot in his mouth.

~Ann Richards

We saw farms go on the auction block while we bought food from foreign countries. Well, that's wrong.

~Ann Richards

Oh, I would probably have raised more hell.

~Ann Richards

I think you have to deal with grief in the sense that you have to recognize that you have it, and say that it's OK to have all the sadness.

~Ann Richards

I'm against an income tax because all the rich people hire lawyers and accountants to be sure that they don't pay income tax.

~Ann Richards

I have an awfully good life.

~Ann Richards

I feel very strongly that change is good because it stirs up the system.

~Ann Richards

One of the truths of our time is the hunger deep in people are over the

planet for coming into relationship with each other.

~Ann Richards

Jesse Jackson is a leader and a teacher who can open our hearts and open our minds and stir our very souls.

~Ann Richards

[Our understanding is] not intellectual, but instinctive.

~Ann Richards

I'm not afraid to shake up the system, and government needs more shaking up than any other system I know.

~Ann Richards

People don't know that New York really is just made up of a group of very small neighborhoods.

~Ann Richards

July does not a November election make.

~Ann Richards

There is a lot more to this life than just the struggle to make money.

~Ann Richards

Weight-bearing exercise builds bone density, builds your muscular strength so that you can hold your body up where those bones have a tendency to get weak.

~Ann Richards

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