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REMARKS FOR GOVERNOR'S WIVES LUNCHEON
Monday, February 23, 1987

INTRODUCTION

THANK YOU AND WELCOME ONCE AGAIN. I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THE HALLS AND ROOMS OF THIS HOUSE VERY WELL, BECAUSE HE LIVED HERE 180 YEARS AGO. HE'S A FARMER, A PHILOSOPHER, AN ARCHITECT, A SCIENTIST, A STATESMAN. IN FACT, JOHN F. KENNEDY ONCE DESCRIBED A GROUP OF NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS AS, "THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF TALENT EVER GATHERED AT THE WHITE HOUSE, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF WHEN THOMAS JEFFERSON DINED ALONE." I GIVE YOU . . . MR. THOMAS JEFFERSON.

CONCLUSION

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. JEFFERSON, FOR A WONDERFUL ADDRESS.

IF YOU'LL LOOK CLOSELY AT OUR GUEST SPEAKER AND THE BUST HERE OF MR. JEFFERSON, YOU'LL NOTICE A STARTLING RESEMBLENCE. THAT RESEMBLENCE IS NOT ACCIDENTAL, FOR OUR SPEAKER TODAY IS MR. ROB COLES, THE FIFTH GREAT GRANDSON OF THOMAS JEFFERSON. HISTORIANS TELL US THAT HE LOOKS EXACTLY AS MR. JEFFERSON DID WHEN HE WROTE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AT THE AGE OF 33. ROB, IN THIS BICENTENNIAL OF OUR CONSTITUTION, WE THANK YOU FOR BRINGING TO LIFE ONE WHO IS SO MUCH A PART OF OUR HERITAGE AND HISTORY.

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I ALSO HAVE ONE OTHER ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE. I'VE JUST RECEIVED SOME GOOD NEWS THIS MORNING AND I'D LIKE TO SHARE IT WITH YOU.

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IN 1984, I ~~HAD YOU~~ HERE FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION ON DRUG ABUSE. SINCE THEN, SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED. THE 1986 SENIOR SURVEY HAS JUST COME OUT AND REVEALS THAT MARIJUANA USE AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE CONTINUES TO DECREASE.

THE SURVEY ALSO REPORTS THAT ALTHOUGH COCAINE USE AMONG HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS IS STILL OF GREAT CONCERN, THE PREVIOUS INCREASE OF COCAINE HAS STOPPED AND AWARENESS OF THE HEALTH RISKS INVOLVED IS ON THE RISE.

I'm sure you agree that this is to be
~~THIS INFORMATION IS HEARTENING,~~ AND I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE TO HELP FIGHT DRUG ABUSE IN YOUR STATES. I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL YOU CAN UNTIL WE HAVE NO NEED TO DO THOSE SURVEYS ANY MORE.

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