

REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY BY GOVERNOR JIM FLORIO
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WE ALL JUST HAD A VERY GOOD MEETING. CHAIRMAN SCHWARZENEGGER HAD ONLY THREE WORDS FOR US IF WE DIDN'T ENCOURAGE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW JERSEY TO STAY PHYSICALLY FIT. "I'LL BE BACK."

ACTUALLY, WHILE THE ASSASSIN FROM THE FUTURE WHO SAID THAT FAMOUS LINE IN THE MOVIE TERMINATOR MAY NOT BE WELCOME IN NEW JERSEY, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER THE GOOD CITIZEN OF TODAY IS WELCOME ANYTIME.

I'M VERY IMPRESSED BY THE VIGOR WITH WHICH HE HAS THROWN HIMSELF INTO THE JOB OF GETTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE BACK IN SHAPE.

IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND I'M GLAD THAT SOMEONE OF HIS STATURE -- AND WITH ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER STATURE APPLIES IN TWO WAYS -- IS COMMITTED TO THE CAUSE.

I AM TOO. AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, I'M INTO ATHLETICS TOO. I BOXED WHILE IN THE NAVY, AND I CONTINUE TO WORK OUT ON THE BAGS. AND LUCINDA AND I LIKE TO RUN A FEW MILES TO KEEP IN SHAPE. WE DO IT BECAUSE IT MAKES US FEEL GOOD, BUT ALSO BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT STAYING HEALTHY STARTS WITH STAYING FIT.

PHYSICAL FITNESS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT MUSCLE TONE AND HEART CONDITION. IT'S ABOUT LEARNING IMPORTANT VALUES LIKE DISCIPLINE AND HARD WORK, CONFIDENCE AND SELF-WORTH.

WHEN I WAS GROWING UP IN THE FLATBUSH SECTION OF BROOKLYN, A PAIR OF BLACK CONVERSE HIGH-TOPS WAS ALL YOU NEEDED TO STAY IN SHAPE. NOW WE'VE GOT SHOES THAT COST MORE THAN \$100 AND THEY HAVE PUMPS AS WELL AS LACES.

BUT DESPITE WHAT YOU MIGHT HEARD ON T.V., IT'S NOT THE SHOES. IT'S THE HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT OF ATHLETES THAT ALLOWS THEM TO PAY OFF.

NOW, NOT EVERY YOUNG PERSON IS GOING TO BE THE NEXT MICHAEL JORDAN OR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER. THAT'S WHY I LIKE CHAIRMAN SCHWARZENEGGER'S FOCUS ON BRINGING FITNESS TO ALL CHILDREN, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR ATHLETIC LEVEL AND NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE.

THAT'S OUR GOAL HERE IN NEW JERSEY TOO. WE'RE PROVIDING MILLIONS OF MORE DOLLARS TO OUR SCHOOLS, IN PLACES LIKE HAMILTON AND ALL OVER THE STATE. SOME OF THAT MONEY CAN GO TO MAKING SURE THAT THE GYMS OUR CHILDREN PLAY AND EXERCISE IN DON'T HAVE LEAKY CEILINGS OR BUCKLING FLOORS.

SO, ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF NEW JERSEY LET ME WELCOME ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER TO THE GARDEN STATE. AND TO MAKE SURE THAT HE'LL ALWAYS HAVE "TOTAL RECALL" OF HIS TRIP TO NEW JERSEY, WE HAVE FOR HIM A BEAUTIFUL BOOK OF PICTURES OF OUR STATE.