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REMARKS OF  
THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. KEAN

GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY

AT THE

GOVERNOR'S BALL

SEA GIRT, NEW JERSEY

SEPTEMBER 8, 1984

THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.

YOU KNOW, LOOKING AROUND THIS GRAND BALL TONIGHT, I  
FEEL INSPIRED. INSPIRED BY THE PRESENCE OF SO MANY OF YOU.  
INSPIRED BY THE BEAUTY OF THIS EVENING. INSPIRED BY THE  
PROMISE THAT THIS CROWD HOLDS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR PARTY  
AND OUR STATE.

TONIGHT IS, IN EVERY SENSE, AN INSPIRATION.

THERE IS A PROVERB, OF COURSE, WHICH SAYS THAT IT'S  
ONLY AN INSPIRATION IF SOMEBODY MAKES IT WORK.

SO I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING THOSE WHO HAVE MADE  
TONIGHT WORK: LARRY BATHGATE, OUR DINNER CHAIRMAN, MARK  
HUSIK, HIS ASSISTANT, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, ALL OF YOU.

YOU ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE MADE THIS GOVERNOR'S BALL  
SUCH A SMASHING SUCCESS. AND YOU ARE THE ONES WHO CAN AND  
WILL DO SO MUCH TO MAKE THIS EVENT REALLY WORK IN THE MONTHS  
AND YEARS TO COME.

1984 IS A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW JERSEY, AND FOR  
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

WE STAND AT CENTER STAGE IN ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT  
POLITICAL DRAMAS OF OUR TIME.

THIS FALL, THE SPOTLIGHT WILL FALL ON NEW JERSEY. THE  
EYES OF THE MEDIA, OF LEADING OPINION MAKERS, AND OF THE  
REST OF THE COUNTRY WILL BE UPON US.

AND WE IN NEW JERSEY WILL GET A CHANCE TO SHOW OUR  
STUFF!

I THINK WE HAVE A LOT TO SHOW.

I THINK WE'VE SURPRISED THE REST OF THE COUNTRY WITH THE STRENGTH OF OUR ECONOMY, WITH OUR LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATIONAL REFORM AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP, BUT MOST OF ALL WITH OUR PRIDE.

I, FOR ONE, AM NOT ASHAMED TO SAY THAT I'M FROM NEW JERSEY. AND I DON'T WANT ANYONE IN THIS ROOM OR ANYONE IN THIS STATE TO BE ASHAMED TO SAY THAT AGAIN.

AND I, FOR ONE, WILL NOT BE SURPRISED THIS NOVEMBER WHEN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DELIVERS ONE OF THE BIGGEST MARGINS OF VICTORY FOR PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN.

WITH YOUR HELP, I KNOW WE CAN DO IT.

IN FACT, I AM CONVINCED THAT THERE IS NO LIMIT ON WHAT ELSE WE CAN DO.

1984 IS A YEAR OF OPPORUNITY.

IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO PICK UP SEVERAL KEY CONGRESSIONAL SEATS THAT THE DEMOCRATS THOUGHT THEY COULD STEAL WITH SOME FANCY MAPMAKING.

IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT ONE OF THE BEST CANDIDATES  
THIS STATE HAS EVER SEEN -- MARY MOCHARY -- TO THE U.S.  
SENATE.

AND IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO CEMENT THE STRENGTH OF THE  
REPUBLICAN PARTY IN THIS STATE FOR YEARS TO COME.

WHEN PRESIDENT REAGAN GAVE HIS MOVING ACCEPTANCE SPEECH  
IN DALLAS, HE SPOKE OF THIS "SPRINGTIME OF HOPE IN AMERICA."

WELL, WHEN I LOOK AROUND ME TONIGHT, I REALIZE THAT  
IT'S A SPRINGTIME OF HOPE IN NEW JERSEY.

NEW JERSEY IS STANDING TALL, AS IT NEVER HAS BEFORE.

WE'RE SHOWING OUR PRIDE, WHICH WE HAVE LONGED TO DO FOR  
SO LONG.

AND WE'RE READY FOR TOMMORROW, BECAUSE WE KNOW IT WILL  
BE EVEN BETTER THAN TODAY.

WHEN THE GREAT AL JOLSON WAS CHEERED BY CROWDS, HE USED  
TO RESPOND BY SAYING THAT "YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET."

WELL, TONIGHT, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS INSPIRATION.

I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR COMING.

BUT I WANT TO CLOSE BY SAYING ONE THING: "YOU AIN'T  
SEEN NOTHING YET!!!"

THANK YOU.