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REMARKS OF

GOVERNOR THOMAS H. KEAN

PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE HIS CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION

APRIL 2, 1985

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THANK YOU.

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AND WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE THOSE AMONG US IN THIS BLESSED STATE WHO ARE SIMPLY UNABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES. WE OWE THEM OUR HELP. THERE CAN BE NO STRENGTH WITHOUT COMPASSION.

AND FINALLY, LET ME SAY A WORD ABOUT OUR REPUBLICAN PARTY. IT MUST BE INCLUSIVE NOT EXCLUSIVE -- THE PARTY OF THE WORKER IN THE FACTORY, OF THE STUDENT STARTING COLLEGE, OF THE SMALL BUSINESSMAN SEEKING TO EXPAND, OF BLACK AS WELL AS WHITE.

IT MUST BE THE PARTY OF FIRST GENERATION AMERICANS JUST AS PROUD OF THEIR HERITAGE AS THOSE WHOSE ANCESTORS CAME TO THESE SHORES LONG AGO.

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SOUTH JERSEY HAS MANY STRONG VOICES IN MY ADMINISTRATION --- MORE THAN EVER BEFORE. YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY NOT ONE, BUT FIVE CABINET MEMBERS --- MORE THAN EVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE.

I HAVE MADE MORE AND HIGHER-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS OF CITIZENS FROM SOUTH JERSEY THAN ANY GOVERNOR BEFORE ME. AND I'VE MADE MANY OF THOSE APPOINTMENTS TO POSTS THAT ESPECIALLY DECIDE THE FUTURE OF SOUTH JERSEY. WHEN I CAME INTO OFFICE THERE WERE NO CASINO CONTROL MEMBERS FROM SOUTH JERSEY. EVERY ONE OF THE THREE NEW CASINO CONTROL COMMISSIONERS I'VE APPOINTED COMES FROM THIS PART OF THE STATE.

AND THIS WINTER, I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO SIGN THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CASINO REINVESTMENT PROVISIONS. THOSE PROVISIONS KEEP THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE MONEY IN THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES --- WHERE IT BELONGS.

BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP REMINDING THE REST OF THIS STATE AND THE REST OF THE COUNTRY THAT SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY IS ONE OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE, FRUITFUL AND BEAUTIFUL REGIONS I KNOW --- IN ANY STATE. YOU DESERVE YOUR FULL SHARE OF OUR STATE RESOURCES.

THAT'S THE PROMISE OF ROUTE 55 --- THAT'S A PROMISE I MADE TO KEEP --- AND IT'S A PROMISE THAT WILL BE COMPLETED EARLY THIS FALL.

I'VE DEVOTED OUR ATTENTION AND RESOURCES TO CAMDEN --- WITH A PUBLIC/PRIVATE VENTURE TO BUILD A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER --- A NEW URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE --- AND A COMMISSION TO REVITALIZE THE CITY'S WATERFRONT.

I'VE SIGNED BILLS TO PUMP MILLIONS OF NEW DOLLARS INTO HEALTH CARE AND RESEARCH IN SOUTH JERSEY. I EARMARKED FUNDS IN MY SCIENCE AND HIGH TECH BOND ISSUE TO BUILD AN ADVANCED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY CENTER IN CAMDEN COUNTY, AND AN ENGINEERING SCHOOL IN BURLINGTON COUNTY.

I'VE WORKED TO PROMOTE THE REGION'S INVALUABLE AGRICULTURE. I BELIEVE FARMING AND THE FOOD INDUSTRIES ARE TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES IN THIS STATE --- AND THEY MOSTLY HAPPEN IN THE SOUTHERN HALF.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE STATE IS ACTIVELY PROMOTING NEW JERSEY FARM PRODUCTS. OUR JERSEY FRESH CAMPAIGN IS A HUGE SUCCESS --- AND IT'S STILL GROWING.

I WAS PROUD TO SIGN THE RIGHT-TO-FARM ACT AND THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION ACT --- THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FARM LEGISLATION THIS STATE HAS SEEN IN DECADES. WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS, WE WILL BE BUYING THE FIRST DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT RIGHTS --- THE EASEMENT OF 1,500 ACRES IN BURLINGTON COUNTY.

WE'VE AWAKENED THE PROMISE OF THE HUDSON WATERFRONT, AND SPARKED NEW SALES OF SOUTH JERSEY'S FARM PRODUCTS.

WE'VE BROUGHT THOUSANDS OF NEW TOURISTS TO THE JERSEY SHORE, AND BROUGHT NEW HOPE AND JOBS TO OUR CITIES.

FROM THE HIGH CLIFFS OF THE PALISADES TO THE LOW LANDS OF THE PINE BARRENS --- FROM THE DELAWARE RIVER AT THE GAP --- TO THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AT THE CAPE --- THERE IS AN EXCITING NEW PRIDE IN OUR STATE.

NEW JERSEY IS DOING WELL, BUT WE CAN DO EVEN BETTER.
NOTHING BUT A RETURN OF OUR OLD DOUBTS CAN HOLD US BACK.

WE MUST NEVER TURN BACK THE CLOCK. WE MUST NEVER RETURN TO
THE OLD DAYS OF MORE GOVERNMENT, OF TIRED SCHOOLS, OF MISSED
OPPORTUNITIES, OF FAILED PROMISES AND OF SELF DOUBT.

OUR JOB IS NOT FINISHED.

WE HAVE BUILT THE FOUNDATION, NOW WE MUST BUILD ON THAT
FOUNDATION.

WE MUST NOT REST UNTIL EVERY MAN AND WOMAN IN OUR STATE WHO
WANTS TO WORK CAN FIND A JOB.

WE MUST PRESS ON UNTIL OUR CHILDREN, WHETHER THEY LIVE IN A CITY, SUBURB OR A FARM, ARE GUARANTEED THE RIGHT TO A FIRST CLASS EDUCATION. NOW, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, THAT EDUCATION WILL DETERMINE NOT ONLY THEIR FUTURE, BUT THE FUTURE OF OUR STATE AND COUNTRY.

AND, WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THE LAND WE OCCUPY TODAY IS BUT A TRUST FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW. THEREFORE, WE MUST CONTINUE TO BUILD ON OUR ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD. AS WE CLEAN UP THE SINS OF THE PAST, WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT OUR GENERATION DOES NOT POLLUTE THE AIR WE BREATHE, THE WATER WE DRINK, OR THE SOIL IN WHICH WE GROW OUR FOOD.

IN NEW JERSEY OUR VIBRANT ECONOMIC FUTURE DEPENDS ON A CLEAN AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WE MUST CONTINUE THE TOUGH APPROACH OF THIS ADMINISTRATION, ALWAYS REMEMBERING THAT IT IS THE VICTIM, NOT THE CRIMINAL WHO DESERVES OUR HELP AND ATTENTION.

AND WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE THOSE AMONG US IN THIS BLESSED STATE WHO ARE SIMPLY UNABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES. WE OWE THEM OUR HELP. THERE CAN BE NO STRENGTH WITHOUT COMPASSION.

AND FINALLY, LET ME SAY A WORD ABOUT OUR REPUBLICAN PARTY. IT MUST BE INCLUSIVE NOT EXCLUSIVE --- THE PARTY OF THE WORKER IN THE FACTORY; OF THE STUDENT STARTING COLLEGE, OF THE SMALL BUSINESSMAN SEEKING TO EXPAND, OF BLACK AS WELL AS WHITE.

IT MUST BE THE PARTY OF FIRST GENERATION AMERICANS JUST AS PROUD OF THEIR HERITAGE AS THOSE WHOSE ANCESTORS CAME TO THESE SHORES LONG AGO.

THIS MUST BE THE PARTY OF ALL THOSE WHO SEEK TO CREATE AND EXPAND OPPORTUNITY SO THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF NEW JERSEYANS CAN HAVE EVEN GREATER FREEDOM TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL THAN WE OR OUR GRANDPARENTS HAD BEFORE US.

FOR ME, THESE LAST THREE YEARS HAVE BEEN A DREAM COME TRUE.
A DREAM THAT I, AS GOVERNOR, COULD HELP BUILD A BETTER NEW JERSEY,
A DREAM THAT I COULD HELP TAP NEW JERSEY'S GREATNESS AND BRING IT
TO FULL FLOWER.

I HAVE NEVER HAD A JOB SO SATISFYING, SO FULFILLING, AND SO
CHALLENGING AS BEING THE GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE. I HAVE NEVER
HAD A JOB THAT OFFERED SUCH A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE, TO
MOTIVATE, TO LEAD THIS STATE THAT I LOVE.

AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN NEW JERSEY SO PROUD AS SHE IS TODAY.

I BELIEVE IN THAT PRIDE.

I BELIEVE IN NEW JERSEY.

AND I BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE THAT LIES IN STORE FOR US IF WE
ONLY SIEZE IT.

NEW JERSEY HAS COME A LONG WAY IN THESE LAST THREE YEARS.
AND THIS IS NO TIME TO TURN BACK.

THEREFORE, I AM TODAY ASKING THE PEOPLE OF NEW JERSEY FOR
PERMISSION TO CONTINUE. TODAY I AM ANNOUNCING THAT I AM A
CANDIDATE AND WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION TO THE OFFICE I
PRESENTLY --- AND PROUDLY --- HOLD.

THANK YOU.