

INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNOR KEAN BY LARRY BATHGATE

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I HAVE A SPECIAL HONOR TODAY. BECAUSE I HAVE THE CHANCE TO INTRODUCE SOMEONE WHO STANDS FOR THE VALUES BEHIND BOY SCOUTING.

BOY SCOUTING TEACHES US ABOUT PRIDE. IN OUR COMMUNITY. IN OUR COUNTRY. IN OURSELVES.

GOVERNOR TOM KEAN HAS TAUGHT US ABOUT PRIDE. PRIDE IN OUR STATE -- NEW JERSEY. AND PRIDE IN OURSELVES -- NEW JERSEY'S PEOPLE.

IF TOM KEAN HAS ONE SINGLE ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT STANDS OUT AMONG THE MANY HE HAS ACHIEVED AS GOVERNOR, IT IS THAT HE HAS INSTILLED IN US THIS SENSE OF PRIDE.

PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOLS. TOM KEAN HAS PUSHED REFORMS THAT WILL BRING EXCELLENCE TO NEW JERSEY EDUCATION. HE'S RAISED STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. AND HE'S PUT NEW JERSEY'S SCHOOLS ON THE TRACK TO BEING THE FINEST IN THE NATION.

PRIDE IN OUR ENVIRONMENT. HE'S FOUGHT TO PROTECT THE SHORE FROM OCEAN DUMPING. HE'S ADDED THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF PARKLANDS. AND HE'S MADE NEW JERSEY FIRST IN THE NATION IN THE DIFFICULT TASK OF CLEANING UP TOXIC WASTE.

PRIDE IN OUR ECONOMY. TOM KEAN HAS TAKEN NEW JERSEY, WHICH LAGGED BEHIND OTHER STATES IN THE SEVENTIES, AND MADE IT ONE OF THE LEADING JOB CREATORS IN THE NATION. WE ARE AT THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY ECONOMY -- ATTRACTING THOUSANDS OF NEW BUSINESSES A YEAR. AND WE HAVE TOM KEAN TO THANK FOR IT.

IN MY VIEW, WE HAVE A LOT TO THANK TOM KEAN FOR.

TOM KEAN HAS TRULY BUILT PRIDE IN NEW JERSEY.

AND NOW OTHER STATES, INSTEAD OF TURNING UP THEIR NOSES AT NEW JERSEY, ARE LOOKING AT US TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE'VE DONE SO WELL.

I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER PERSON TO ADDRESS US ON THE VIRTUES OF SCOUTING.

TOM KEAN HAS MADE IT AN HONOR TO BE FROM NEW JERSEY, AND THAT'S WHY IT'S AN HONOR FOR ME TO INTRODUCE HIM TO YOU NOW.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE FORTY EIGHTH -- AND VERY BEST -- GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY: THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. KEAN.