

REMARKS OF

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AT THE

PRESS CONFERENCE

ANNOUNCING THE DRIVE TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL LIVER INSTITUTE

UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY OF NEW JERSEY

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GOOD MORNING.

NEW JERSEY IS DEVELOPING A REPUTATION AS A NATIONAL  
LEADER.

WE'RE A LEADER IN RESEARCH.

WE'RE A LEADER IN HIGHER EDUCATION.

WE'RE A LEADER IN TRYING TO CREATE PARTNERSHIPS  
BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY TO ESTABLISH OUR PRE-EMINENCE  
IN NEW SCIENTIFIC AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY FIELDS.

THIS MORNING, NEW JERSEY IS TAKING A GIANT STEP TOWARD NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ANOTHER AREA.

BY LAUNCHING THE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THE SAMMY DAVIS JR. NATIONAL LIVER INSTITUTE HERE AT UMDNJ, WE ARE PLACING NEW JERSEY AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE EFFORT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND CONQUER DISEASES OF THE LIVER.

IT'S SIGNIFICANT THAT THE INSTITUTE WILL BE AFFILIATED WITH UMDNJ. NEW JERSEY HAS JUMPED INTO THE LEAD -- IN EVERYTHING FROM CREATING JOBS TO BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS -- BY FORGING PARTNERSHIPS. WE HAVE A UNIQUE AND I BELIEVE UNMATCHED LEVEL OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR CORPORATE, ACADEMIC, GOVERNMENTAL, AND LABOR SECTORS. WE TRULY HAVE A SENSE THAT NEW JERSEY IS A FAMILY.

THAT KIND OF COOPERATION CAN AND WILL MAKE THE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THIS INSTITUTE A SUCCESS.

THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY EMPHASIS OF THIS INSTITUTE WILL MAKE UMDNJ A STRONGER INSTITUTION.

THE SCIENTISTS AND PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTITUTE WILL BRING THE NEWST SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO NEW JERSEY -- AND THEY WILL FURTHER ESTABLISH NEW JERSEY AS AN ATTRACTIVE HOME FOR HIGH TECH.

THIS INSTITUTE T WILL MOVE THE UNIVERSITY INTO THE FOREFRONT OF A CRITICAL AREA OF MEDICAL RESEARCH.

AT ONE TIME, LIVER DISEASE WAS LINKED PRIMARILY TO ALCOHOL ABUSE. BUT TODAY, IT IS THE FOURTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG MALES BETWEEN THE AGES OF 40 AND 59 IN THIS COUNTRY.

THERE HAS BEEN A GRADUAL INCREASE IN DEATHS FROM LIVER DISEASES AROUND THE WORLD.

TODAY, WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THE LIVER IS TO THE HUMAN BODY. BUT WE DON'T KNOW NEARLY ENOUGH ABOUT LIVER DISEASE.

I THINK THE PREVALANCE OF LIVER DISEASE -- ITS STAGGERING PROPORTIONS, IS WHAT LED TO SAMMY DAVIS JR.'s HUMANITARIAN CONCERN ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

WE ALL KNOW ABOUT MR. DAVIS' MANY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD -- ABOUT HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN CULTURE.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE MIGHT NOT REALIZE IS WHAT A GREAT HUMANITARIAN SAMMY DAVIS JR. HAS BEEN. HE'S WON SO MANY AWARDS, AMONG THEM:

- THE SPRINGARN MEDAL OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE;

- THE ALAN BERNSTEIN AWARD FOR CANCER RESEARCH;

- THE AMERICAN FREEDOM AWARD;

- AND THE AMERICAN-ISRAELI ARTS, SCIENCE, AND HUMANITARIAN AWARD, ESTABLISHED TO COMMEMORATE THE PEACE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

HE ALSO ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND.

NOW, HE'S TURNING HIS TIME AND EFFORT TO NEW JERSEY -- TO THIS INSTITUTE.

HE CAN HELP MAKE THIS A WORLD-CLASS CENTER FOR  
EDUCATION, FOR RESEARCH, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, FOR HELPING  
PEOPLE -- THOUSANDS OF THEM -- NOT ONLY HERE IN THE UNITED  
STATES BUT AROUND THE WORLD.

WE ARE DEEPLY HONORED THAT NEW JERSEY AND UMDNJ WERE  
CHOSEN FOR THIS INITIATIVE.

AND WE ARE DOUBLY HONORED TO HAVE A HUMANITARIAN LIKE  
SAMMY DAVIS JR. HERE TODAY TO LAUNCH THIS EFFORT.

IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE AND WELCOME SAMMY DAVIS  
JR. TO NEW JERSEY: