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# Groundbreaking Ceremony Speech

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RE: A copy of my very pertinent remarks.

THANK YOU DR. ENGBRETSON!

Distinguished guests on the platform, community members, faculty, staff, and fellow students of Governors State University.

The month of June is traditionally a month of commencement exercises.

The word commencement means "beginning", possibly the beginning of an era in one life and the ending of an academic school year.

We are gathered here this morning for the commencement or beginning of a new permanent facility for the Will and Cook County area.

Governors State University is going to establish as an upper division institution and its mandate in a interdisciplinary concept, "Life Long Learning". This type of college has long been awaited; to service the Community and Junior College need in the Will and Cook Area and also to service the Urban Community.

I have had the pleasure of working on the University Task Force on Student Affairs and the Community Advisory Board to the College of Environment and Applied Science. The group seemed to be concerned

with being inovative and addressing themselves to the problem of today in an interdisciplinary way.

In conclusion, the class of 1971-72 would like to thank the Board of Higher Education for reccommending the college to the General Assembly in 1967. The class of 1971-72 would also like to thank the Administration, Faculty and Staff for the early arrival of Governors State University in Park Forest.

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