Good morning. I'm Wayne Clough, president of Georgia Tech, and I have the pleasure to make an historic announcement on behalf of this institution, one of importance as well to other institutions of higher education in the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia. What I am about to announce represents a logical outgrowth of the mission of the Georgia Institute of Technology as well as a landmark from which our future achievement will be marked and our inevitable progress will be measured.

For the past two decades, Georgia Tech has enjoyed a particularly rapid ascent. We have grown from a well-regarded regional university to a world-renown research university. To a large extent, Georgia Tech's rise can be traced to the development of a highly talented pool of faculty, the leadership of previous Tech administrations, and our remarkably committed alumni. All of this has occurred within the context of a dynamic city and state. This combination has allowed Georgia Tech to recruit increasingly bright students and to produce leading edge technological knowledge and innovations ever more relevant to the emerging needs of society. The affiliation we announce today, and the distinction we bestow on this individual, will carry the reach and reputation of Georgia Tech to a new and remarkable level.

To this key post, this gentleman brings an exceptional set of skills, an unmatched world of experience, an impeccable reputation, and a name that is recognized and deeply respected around the world. This individual is known not only for his mastery of military and international affairs, but for his understanding of the
expanding and pervasive role of technology in our world. He appreciates that technology is not an end to itself, that it must inform and be informed by rational and future-oriented public policy, and that its international impact and interplay be fully considered. In short, he embodies the goals and directions of Georgia Tech’s Schools of International Affairs and Public Policy, and the Ivan Allen College. He also brings a special dimension that will enhance Georgia Tech’s steadily growing efforts at collaboration with Emory University, the University of Georgia, and other campuses in the University System of Georgia and our state.

Ladies and gentlemen, to honor Senator Sam Nunn, I am proud to announce today that Georgia Tech’s School of International Affairs will be named “The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs”. In addition, upon his retirement from the Senate, Senator Nunn will become affiliated with Georgia Tech as a Distinguished Professor of International Affairs and Public Policy. This will be a part-time position in recognition of the fact that Senator Nunn will be engaged in other work in the private sector as his principle occupation. Senator, we know that there will be many other demands on your time, but we hope that you will find this position to be among the most exciting and dynamic tasks that you undertake.

Senator Nunn, as one Georgia Tech alumnus to another, and as one Georgia native to another, I am honored that you are coming back to this campus. We look forward with excitement to working with you in moving the study of international affairs and public policy to the forefront of the academic and practical pursuits of this venerable institution, the Georgia Institute of Technology.