Good evening.

Approximately 40 years ago, a young man from Perry, Georgia, began his freshman year at the Georgia Institute of Technology. As those of you who know this formerly young man would expect—he soon distinguished himself from the rest of the Georgia Tech freshmen.

However, although we now recognize Sam Nunn for his intelligence, integrity, and leadership—I’m afraid those were not the qualities that distinguished Sam’s freshman year at Georgia Tech. Instead, he is perhaps best remembered by his classmates as the thrilling, come-from-behind victor of Tech’s ultimate athletic challenge—the Freshman Cake Race.

Two years after he first arrived at Georgia Tech, Sam Nunn left the Institute. He departed, incidentally, the same year the formerly young man you see before you, arrived at the Institute.

Four decades later, both formerly young men are back at Georgia Tech. Both ready to lead the Institute toward unprecedented new opportunities and an unlimited future.

As we begin moving toward that exciting future, tonight we are taking some time out to honor Sam Nunn and his achievements and celebrate the future of the Sam Nunn School
of International Affairs. Honor and Imagination is indeed an appropriate theme as we are here to both look back with pride and look forward with anticipation.

Sam Nunn is recognized the world over for his ability to lead and to render opportunity from challenge. After spending 24 years in the United States Senate, he is well known as one of America’s most distinguished statesmen.

Throughout his Senatorial career, Sam Nunn has met and worked with political leaders from Perry to Panama and from Washington to Warsaw. Several of Sam’s colleagues from the political arena are here tonight to honor him, and I’d like to take this opportunity to recognize those who are present.

Will you please stand or wave your hand when I call your name:
Former U.S. Senator, Herman Talmadge
U.S. Representative Nathan Deal
U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop
Former Governor Carl Sanders
Lt. Governor Pierre Howard
State Senate President Pro Tem Sonny Perdue
State House Majority Leader Larry Walker (who hails from Sam’s home town of Perry)
State Representative Calvin Smyre
State Labor Commissioner David Poythress
Former mayor of Atlanta, Ivan Allen
Also joining us is the man who will follow Sam Nunn’s legacy of visionary leadership, the new Senator from Georgia, Max Cleland.

As a United States Senator, Sam Nunn was renown for his
mastery of military and international affairs, for his understanding of the expanding and pervasive role of technology in our world, and for his ability to forge advantageous partnerships.

The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs will continue Sam Nunn’s tradition of excellence and partnership—bringing together the forces of technology into the big-picture perspective of international affairs and public policy. This type of collaboration is innovative and will allow us to further explore the human dimension of technology. As we all have witnessed in the past, technological development waits on no one; it has no boundaries. Through the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, we will be better able to focus technology and apply it toward a better planet.

To achieve its goals, the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs will work with world leaders and corporations, as well as educational institutions all over Georgia. In the spirit of cooperation and collaboration, one of the first initiatives of the Sam Nunn partnership will be the Sam Nunn Policy Forum. Sponsored jointly by Georgia Tech, the University of Georgia, and Emory University, the first Sam Nunn Policy Forum will be held in 1997 at the University of Georgia and focus on discussions relating to weapons of mass destruction.

The presidents of both the University of Georgia and Emory are here tonight—Dr. Bill Chase from Emory and Dr. Chuck Knapp from Georgia. Would each of you please stand and let us recognize you?

Beyond the Policy Forum, it is our goal to engage the entire
educational system of Georgia to work with us in this important endeavor. Many representatives from Georgia’s educational system are here tonight, and I’d like to take this opportunity to recognize them. Dr. Steven Portch is the chancellor of our system. Steve, will you please stand? Members of the Board of Regents are here as well. Would you please stand? We are also fortunate to have with us, Dan Rather, chairman of the board of the Department of Technical and Adult Education. Finally, presidents from several Georgia universities are here as well. Will Georgia’s university presidents please stand and let us recognize you? Thank you.

Napoleon once said that a “leader is a dealer in hope.” As a United States Senator, Sam Nunn dealt out hope on an everyday basis as he strove for peace for all. Through scholarship, research, and partnership with other educational institutions, the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs will likewise strive for a better Georgia, a better nation, and a better world.

Thank you.

Now, it is a great pleasure to introduce a colleague, friend, and fellow graduate of Georgia Tech, Mr. Charles Brown, president of Technology Park Atlanta and president of the Georgia Tech Foundation.

Charlie.....

Thank you, Charlie.
If everyone could now please turn your attention to dinner. I hope you enjoy it; the program will resume in approximately 45 minutes.

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Once again, good evening. Before I introduce our next speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a select group of people who worked very hard to make tonight a success. Would you please stand when I call your name: Lee Suddath, Carol Gue, Dan Papp, Roland McElroy, Valeria MacPhail, Jim Langley, and Gordon Giffen.

Thank you. Please relax and enjoy the evening; your hard work is very much appreciated.

It is now my pleasure to introduce the chair of the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Dr. Linda Brady......

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Thank you Linda.

Our next speaker is a man Sam Nunn once called “tough as nails.” A man who has been a college professor, a Marine Sergeant, an author...and now serves as the leader of Georgia, Governor Zell Miller.

Since taking office in 1991, Governor Miller has been a true and worthy friend of education in Georgia. The *Los Angeles Times* called his HOPE Scholarship Program “the most far-reaching in the nation,” and his commitment to education has resulted in one of the most ambitious agendas to improve public education in
this century.

Ladies and gentlemen, Governor Zell Miller...

Thank you Governor Miller.

It is now my pleasure to introduce our keynote speaker, the Honorable James Schlesinger. Mr. Schlesinger is a long-time comrade of Sam Nunn and currently serves as a senior advisor to the investment banking firm of Lehman Brothers, as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the MITRE Corporation, and as counselor to the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

A summa cum laude graduate of Harvard and recipient of nine honorary doctorates, he began his government service in 1969 as assistant director of the Bureau of the Budget. Other governmental posts included serving as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Secretary of Defense, and as the first Secretary of Energy.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in welcoming the Honorable James Schlesinger......