Pleased to welcome all of you to Georgia Tech and to this special dinner to kick off the 2004 Sam Nunn/Bank of America Policy Forum.

As Bill indicated, I believe very strongly that engineers and scientists must become more aware and engaged in public policy decisions, and I believe Georgia Tech has a unique opportunity to be a leader.

Tonight we pay tribute to Senator Sam Nunn, chair of the 2004 Sam Nunn/Bank of America Forum and a man whom all of us know, respect, and admire.

- 24 years in United States Senate, where he was a model of integrity and bipartisan cooperation.
- Chaired Senate Armed Services Committee and became leading spokesman for national defense.
- Author of the Nunn-Lugar Act, providing the framework for the successful disarmament of the former Soviet republics.
- Founder of the Nuclear Threat Initiative to reduce the global threats from nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons.
- Had the keen perception to recognize that the end of the Cold War did not diminish the need for national and international security, but rather opened the door for the rise of terrorism.
- Is a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.

GT alum; became affiliated with the Institute in 1996 when he retired from the Senate, joined our faculty, and allowed us to name our School of International Affairs in his honor.

Recognized his outstanding lifetime achievements earlier today with Ivan Allen Prize for Progress and Service.

Tonight, GT folks in the audience are celebrating the fact that his recent retirement from the active practice of law at King & Spalding means he will be spending more time on our campus.

Also marking a new phase of the Forum. Will be held every two years and take up permanent residence at Georgia Tech.

Honor to have the Senator affiliated with Georgia Tech, to have him chairing the 2004 Sam Nunn/Bank of America Policy Forum, and to present him to you at this time. Senator Nunn…