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Remarks by Mr. Greg Buontempo thanking his supporters for helping him win appointment as Mayor of Holmdel, New Jersey.

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[JOIN IN ANY APPLAUSE AND THEN TURN TOWARD ALEXAN-DRIA COMPILLAY] THANK YOU, ALEXANDRIA. WHAT A *WON-DERFUL* RENDITION OF OUR NATIOANAL ANTHEM! YOU’VE GOT A BEAUTIFUL VOICE, AND WE’RE BLESSED THAT YOU COULD SHARE YOUR GIFT OF SONG WITH US THIS EVENING.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN . . . FAMILY AND FRIENDS . . . DISTIN­GUISHED GUESTS: I’M SO ENORMOUSLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF YOU BEING HERE WITH ME THIS EVENING, AND IF YOU WOULDN’T MIND, I’D LIKE TO BEGIN MY REMARKS WITH SOME VERY SINCERE AND VERY WELL-DESERVED “THANK-YOUs.” BUT I ALSO HAVE SOME TERRIFICALLY EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE WITH YOU THIS EVENING, SO URGE YOU TO “STAY TUNED” TIL THE END OF THIS LITTLE SPEECH.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, OF COURSE, I MUST THANK MY DEAR WIFE, ANN . . . OUR THREE WONDERFUL CHILDREN, AMANDA, MICHAEL, AND PETER . . . AND MY MOM AND DAD, MARY AND GREG BUONTEMPO, WHO ARE ALL WITH US HERE TONIGHT. I’M PRETTY SURE THAT NO CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE HAS EVER WON ELECTION WITH-OUT THE NURTURING SUP-PORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF HIS FAMILY, AND I’M CER-TAINLY NO EXCEPTION. [TURN TOWARD YOUR FAMILY] WITH-OUT YOU AND ALL YOU’VE DONE FOR ME THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, I NEVER WOULD BE STANDING HERE THIS EVENING ACCEPTING THE HONOR OF BEING APPOINTED MAYOR OF HOLMDALE.

I MUST ALSO THANK SENATOR [FIRST NAME] KYRILLOS FOR CONDUCTING THE OATH-OF-OFFICE CEREMONY THIS [MORN-ING/AFTERNOON/EVENING]; I’M SO DEEPLY HONORED THAT YOU AGREED TO OFFICATE AT THE SWEARING-IN.

I ALSO OWE SINCEREST THANKS TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE — OUTGOING MAYOR, ERIC HINDS, AND COMMITTEEMEN MIKE NIKOLIS, [NAMES OF OTH-ER THREE COMMITTEE MEMBERS] — WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY WITH HONOR AND DISTINCTION. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE IN ME TO LEAD THE TOWNSHIP’S GOVERNMENT FOR THE NEXT [NUMBER] YEARS, AND I’M SURE THAT, TOGETHER, WE CAN AND WILL LEAD HOLMDALE INTO AN ERA OF EVEN GREATER PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.

FINALLY, I’D LIKE TO THANK SERENA DIMASO, [FIRST NAME] ARNONE, ASSEMBLYMAN DECLAN O’SCANLON, AND [ADD OTHER NAMES AND TITLES, IF DESIRED] — DEAR FRIENDS AND TIRELESS SUPPORTERS ALL: THANKS SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE!

NOW, AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, I’VE BEEN INVOLVED IN CIVIC AFFAIRS IN HOLMDALE FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS NOW, AND I’VE SEEN OUR TOWN MAKE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS SINCE THAT DEVASTATING DAY IN [YEAR] WHEN BELL LABORATOR-IES CLOSED ITS DOORS FOR GOOD, LEAVING A WORLD-RE-NOWN CAMPUS EMPTY AND BARREN. [NUMBER] OF FOLKS SUDDENLY FOUND THEMSELVES OUT OF WORK, AND THE TOWNSHIP’S TAX BASE SHRANK ALMOST OVERNIGHT BY A WHOPPING [NUMBER] PERCENT. THOSE WERE SOME DARK, DARK DAYS, MY FRIENDS, BUT HOLMDALE PROVED ITSELF TO BE A MOST RESILIENT COMMUNITY, AND SLOWLY BUT SURE-LY WE’VE BEEN MAKING A COMEBACK.

A GOOD PART OF THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN CENTERED ON THE RENOVATION, REDEVELOPMENT, AND REPURPOSING OF THE BELL LABORATORIES COMPLEX.

NOW, WHEN I FIRST BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS WORK, WE HAD A RATHER MODEST GOAL OF USING PART OF THE BASE-MENT OF THE BUILDING WE’RE NOW SITTING IN — THE “BELL WORKS BUILDING,” — INTO A NEW TOWNSHIP LIBRARY. BUT IN [YEAR] THIS PROJECT EXPANDED AND BECAME PART OF A MUCH MORE AMBITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ENTIRE BELL LABORATORIES CAMPUS, UNDERWRITTEN IN PART BY [NAME THE MAJOR FUNDING SOURCES/DONORS].

OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS, THREE OF THE FOUR BUILDINGS COMPRISING THE ORIGINAL BELL LABORATORIES COMPLEX ARE SLATED TO BE REFURBISHED AND REDEVEL-OPED INTO STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES FOR A WIDE ARRAY OF HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES. THROUGH THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, [NUMBER] FIRMS HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED TO LEASING SPACE HERE — AMONG THEM [NAME OF SOME/ALL OF THE PROSPECTIVE TENANTS]. THIS WILL TRANSLATE INTO HUNDREDS OF NEW JOBS FOR HOLMDALE-AREA RESIDENTS; AND A HUGE BOOST TO THE TOWNSHIP’S TAX BASE, WITH MORE THAN [NUMBER] SQUARE FEET OF RATABLE COMMER-CIAL SPACE COMING ON LINE OVER THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS.

BUT FOR ME, THE MOST MEANINGFUL PART OF THIS RENAIS-SANCE WILL BE THE INSTALLATION OF THE HOLMDALE LI-BRARY AND LEARNING CENTER HERE IN THE BASEMENT OF THE BELL WORKS BUILDING, WHICH IS SLATED FOR COMPLE-TION NEAR THE END OF THIS YEAR.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, EDUCATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART, AND THIS NEW LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER WILL BE A DREAM COME TRUE FOR ME. AND JUST WAIT TILL YOU SEE IT! FOR IT’S NOT GOING TO BE JUST A LIBRARY. IT’S GOING TO BE PART LIBRARY, PART STATE-OF-THE-ART LEARNING CENTER, AND PART HISTORI-CAL MUSEUM, TRACING BELL LABS’ HISTORIC ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH MAJOR ADVANCEMENTS AS THE TRANSISTOR, SATELLITE AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY, TOUCH-TONE PHONES, FIBRE OPTICS, AND SO MANY OTHER GROUND-BREAKING INVENTIONS. THE NEW LEARNING CENTER WILL MEMORIALIZE THESE HISTORIC ACHIEVE-MENTS THROUGH A NUMBER OF EXHIBITS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND INTERACTIVE KIOSKS DOTTED THROUGHOUT THE FACIL-ITY. [AT ONE OF THESE, YOU’LL BE ABLE TO LISTEN TO A RE-CORDING OF THE FIRST ECHOS OF THE “BIG BANG,” FIRST HEARD BY ARNO PENZIAS AND ROBERT WILSON OF BELL LABS, THROUGH WHAT WAS SOON TO BE CALLED THE HOLM-DALE HORN ANTENA.]

OUR NEW LIBRARY AND LEARNING CENTER WILL BE, I CAN ASSURE YOU, ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN ALL OF NEW JERSEY AND, IN ITS WAY, A MODEST ARCHITECTURAL GEM. YOU CAN SEE WHAT I’M TALKING ABOUT — WHAT I’M SO UNBELIEVABLY EXCITED ABOUT — IF YOU’LL JOIN ME AT A SPECIAL “SNEAK PEEK” PREVIEW SESSION FOR THE NEW FACILITY THAT’LL BE HELD RIGHT HERE IN THE BELL WORKS BUILDING.

THIS SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 IN THE EVENING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, AND I URGE ALL OF YOU MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW, AND PLAN ON JOINING. FOR AT THIS PREVIEW, MR. [NAME, TITLE] OF THE SOMERSET DEVELOP-MENT COMPANY, ALONG WITH MR. [NAME], PRINCIPLE ARCHI-TECT FOR THE PROJECT, WILL BE ON HAND TO SHARE WITH US SOME ARCHITECTURAL RENDERINGS, SOME 3-D MOD-ELS[?], AND A NEW CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE THAT’LL ENSURE THAT THE FACILITY WILL BE READY FOR THE RIB-BON-CUTTING CEREMONY BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. I KNOW YOU’LL FIND IT WELL WORTH YOUR WHILE TO JOIN US, NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF THE UNADULTERATED PRIDE I KNOW IT WILL INSTILL IN YOUR HEARTS AS YOU VIEW THE NEWEST AND PERHAPS MOST PUBLIC SYMBOL OF HOLM-DALE’S RENAISSANCE.

IN CLOSING, I’D JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR BEING HERE, AND FOR ALL THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE YOU’VE GIVEN ME THROUGH THE YEARS. I’M DEEPLY GRATE-FUL TO ALL OF YOU FOR BESTOWING ON ME THE HONOR OF BEING YOUR MAYOR. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL BACK HERE ON THE 12TH.

THANK YOU.

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