San Ysidro Medical Center Recognition Speech

Welcome to National Laboratory Luncheon. Some of you have asked me “What is Lab Week?” Lab week is a campaign to raise awareness about Laboratory professionals, such as youself.. We often work behind the scene, and very few people actually know that the critical testing that we do improve lives, control cost of health care and even lives. The dedicated efforts of laboratory professionals often go unnoticed by the public, and the institution that use your service. This week is a time to honor more that 300,000 laboratory professionals in this country that performs 10 billion test every year. The Answer to the question, What is lab week? lies in you. It’s what you make of it. It can be as simple as going through an uneventful day were you ask the patient to sit in that famous drawing chair. Or, it can be something elaborate with luncheon, dinners, speakers, lobby displays, and tours for the community. But one thing is certain, there is always a magical moment during the day. Because someone has taken notice of the long hour you invested. They know the anxiety you feel as you watch the long line of patients waiting, they see the full rack of test tubes waiting to be sorted and packaged for send outs. They know the long hours of standing on your feet have taken a toll. You are not forgotten during this week. And after your magical moment, it will seem like it all worth. So here is your magical moment, “Thank you for your hard work and dedication you are being recognized by the San Ysidro Medical Center and the Nation for you unwavering commitment to the profession.

Let’s give a warm round of applause to show our appreciation to Mr. ED Martinez president and CEO, Dr. Week Chief Medical Officer, Terry Whitaker vice president of Operations, and Rosana Scolari Laboratory Director, and Ragini Sarma Management Analist for their support in making this moment possible.