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***EVENT: HS/HD CAREER SUMMIT***

***ORGANIZER: NISSSC CENTER FOR HOMELAND SECURITY***

***DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2008***

***TITLE: SPEAKER INTRODUCTION***

***SPEAKER: Michael B Perini, NISSSC Executive Director***

**(AS DELIVERED)**

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THANK YOU.

I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO ADD MY THANKS TO DON ADDY AND THE NATIONAL HOMELAND DEFENSE FOUNDATION AND TO STEVE RECCA, THE DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER FOR HOMELAND SECURITY AND TO ALL OF YOU WHO MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE.

AS AN INTITUTE DIRECTOR AT ONE OF AMERICA'S LEADING REGIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES, I CAN SPEAK FROM EXAMPLE THAT NEW, INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES ARE NEEDED TO DEFEND OUR NATION.

THESE CAPABILITIES MUST BE LED BY MEN AND WOMEN EDUCATED IN WORLD AFFAIRS, WHO UNDERSTAND THE LAWS OF OUR LAND AND WHO HAVE THE BASIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH SKILLS TO TAKE IDEAS FROM PEN AND PAPER TO THE FRONT LINES.

WE NEED TO UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL FOR COLLABORATION IN SCIENCE, SPACE AND SECURITY IF WE ARE TO PROTECT WHAT WE VALUE MOST: OUR FAMILIES AND OUR WAY OF LIFE.

THAT MEANS INSPIRING FOLKS TO SEEK CAREERS IN HOMELAND DEFENSE AND HOMELAND SECURITY.

STARTING WITH LAST NIGHT'S PANEL AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE DAY WE ARE BRINGING TO YOU THE FIRST CAREER SUMMIT – THE START OF A NATIONAL CONVERSATION -- TO DISCUSS THE NEEDS TO BUILD CAREER PROFESSIONALS IN THE HOMELAND SECURITY AND HOMELAND DEFENSE DISCIPLINES.

I KNOW YOU WILL AGREE, WE HAVE A SUPERB LIST OF DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS. DON'T HESITATE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.

WE FEEL THIS SUMMIT WILL RAISE AND ADDRESS ISSUES WHICH ARE CRITICAL TO THE DEFENSE OF OUR HOMELAND AND ALLOW FOR US TO CONTINUE RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO KEEP OUR NATION SAFE AND SECURE.

I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER PERSON TO START TODAY'S SESSION THAN GENERAL GENE RENUART, COMMANDER OF NORAD AND USNORTHERN COMMAND.

HIS EXPERIENCES RANGE, LITERALLY, FROM THE FRONT LINES OF COMBAT TO THE HALLS OF THE PENTAGON – WHERE SOME MIGHT SAY.....THAT, THAT IS ALSO COMBAT.

HIS BIO IS IN YOUR MATERIALS. SUFFICE TO SAY, I HAVE WATCHED HIM IN ACTION; UP FRONT AND PERSONAL AS ONE OF HIS FORMER SENIOR ADVISORS.

HE IS A COMMANDER WHO LIVES BY EXAMPLE; WHO SINCERELY BELIEVES IN MENTORING A NEW GENERATION OF EXPERTS. I KNOW YOU WILL BE EXCITED ABOUT WHAT HE IS GOING TO SAY SO PLEASE HELP ME WELCOME TO THE STAGE...GENERAL GENE RENUART.