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This was conferred on the State of Nebraska and ETV was born. The Thirtieth Anniversary will be in 1984. The success of Educational Television in Nebraska has been well established. The University and the Nebraska Educational Television Commission are the two licensees and have the responsibility for the programming and for its operation. The people of Nebraska through the Unicameral of the Legislature have a major responsibility and opportunity in funding the several programs related to ETV. Dr. Martin Massengale, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, represents the University side of the operation. Dr. Massengale is with us this morning and members of the Commission who are present are Roger Bailey, who is the Vice-chairman from Grand Island representing the Class III school districts. Where is Roger? Thank you. Dr. Phillip Heckman, President of Doane College, representing private educational institutions. Dr. Heckman. Jack Langford from Kearney representing the state colleges. Jack. Dr. Joe Lutjeharms who is the Commissioner of Education from Lincoln. Joe. Dr. Howard Otteson, the Executive Vice-President and Provost at the University of Nebraska, representing the President of the University of Nebraska. Howaru. Mrs. Linda Walker from Omaha representing a Class V school district. There is Mrs. Walker. The two who are absent are Mrs. Jan Carlson from Lodgepole, and Robert Monke from Arlington and I am from Lincoln representing a Class IV school district. In addition to these, you must know, of course, because of his all pervasive influence is Jack McBride. Jack was the one who carried the responsibility in the very early days of ETV and is largely responsible for the directions in which we have headed. So, Jack, we are glad to have you here. Where are you? There, thank you. Now the special occasion is this. The Legislature deserves ninety-nine and forty-four hundredths percent of the credit for the progress made by ETV, and with us today is the man who is President or Chairman...I am not sure which it is, of the National Association of Public Television Stations. Bruce Christiansen has this important responsibility. It involves one hundred seventy member licensees. As you would imagine, his background is in communications, education and relationships to the public and now, of course, is one of the most influential people in America in regard to the role of Educational Television. He has a special presentation to make and I am very proud to present Bruce Christiansen.

BRUCE CHRISTIANSEN: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, Senators, ladies and gentlemen of the Great State of Nebraska, it is a great honor and privilege for me to be here this morning and to represent America's public television stations in paying tribute to the outstanding public television