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Good Morning.

*“It seems to me that the dedication of a library is in itself an act of faith. To bring together the records of the past and to house them in buildings where they will be preserved for the use of men and women in the future, a nation must believe in three things:*

*It must believe in the past.*

*It must believe in the future.*

*It must, above all, believe in the capacity of its own people, so to learn from the past that they can gain in judgment in creating their own future.”*

Ladies and gentlemen, that was a quote of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941. Those words are still true, and I believe you will agree with me, that they apply to us today.

Our community's act of faith started a little over 14 months ago, when members of the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors and Farmville Town Council symbolically broke ground on the new Farmville - Prince Edward Community Library.

Today, we celebrate its occupation. But the true celebration, however, is not our beautiful new building. The true celebration is the dozens of years of devotion that have been given to the creation, growth and expansion of this library.

So in celebrating the dedication of our new library, let us not forget to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our library employees, its board members, its volunteers and its friends. This new building is made of many bricks, but the real mortar that will hold the building together long into the future is the people who love and care for all that is represented therein.

Our new Library represents the culmination of the dedication, cooperation and teamwork of a lot of people, and I am happy to introduce the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, who are some of the members of that team. If you would please stand:

- Vice Chairman Howard Simpson,
- Supervisor Howard “Pete” Campbell,
- Supervisor Don Gantt,
- Supervisor, Bobby Jones,
- Supervisor Charlie McKay,
- Supervisor Jim Wilck, and
- Supervisor Mattie Wiley.

We, as your County Board of Supervisors, wish to congratulate all of you who have helped to make this a reality for each and every citizen of Prince Edward County and the Town of Farmville.

We also wish to thank the Town of Farmville and members of Council for partnering with the County on this major project. By these two governing bodies working together, our community has once again realized another of its great possibilities.

Thank you.