

**GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!**

**CALVIN (HUGHES – MASTER OF CEREMONIES),  
THANK YOU FOR THAT INTRODUCTION.**

**AND SHERYL (WOODS – PRESIDENT OF THE YMCA OF  
SOUTH FLORIDA), THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO  
BE PART OF THIS INAUGURAL MARTIN LUTHER KING  
LUNCHEON.**

**TODAY IS A CAUSE FOR DOUBLE CELEBRATION, AS  
WE GATHER TO HONOR A GREAT CIVIL RIGHTS  
LEADER -- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., -- AND A  
PILLAR OF STABILITY FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY --  
THE YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA.**

**DR. KING IS ALSO A SYMBOL OF COMMUNITY  
SERVICE. AND THIS DRIVE TO SERVE IS ECHOED IN  
HIS WORDS -- “EVERYBODY CAN BE  
GREAT...BECAUSE ANYBODY CAN SERVE.”**

**LET’S ENJOY THIS SPECIAL LUNCHEON DURING  
WHICH WE HONOR DR. KING AND ALL HE DID TO  
MOVE OUR NATION FORWARD AND TO ENCOURAGE  
ALL CITIZENS TO ENGAGE IN VOLUNTEER SERVICE.**

**TO THE STAFF OF THE YMCA, I CONGRATULATE YOU  
ON REACHING THE 100-YEAR MILESTONE. THIS IS  
QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT.**

**YOU, LIKE DR. KING, HAVE SERVED YOUR COMMUNITY STEADFASTLY -- EVEN DURING THE TOUGHEST OF ECONOMIC TIMES. AND FOR THAT, WE ARE SINCERELY GRATEFUL.**

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HAS ENJOYED A LONG, PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD AN EVEN BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.**

**ON BEHALF OF THE 2.6 MILLION RESIDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, I THANK THE YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT YOUR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

**CONGRATULATIONS, AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR INVITING ME HERE THIS AFTERNOON.**

**MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU, AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!**