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SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE  
TO THE WOMEN'S DIVISION OF THE ALBERT EINSTEIN  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE  
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What a joy to receive this cherished award from a person for whom I have the greatest respect and admiration! Beverly Sills is a beautiful person outwardly and inwardly, her personal warmth and charm, combined with the sheer beauty of her voice, dazzling audiences around the globe! What a pleasure it is to be here with you, Beverly, and each of the distinguished honorees and truly outstanding women: Jean Kennedy Smith, Glenn Close, Betty Friedan, Judge Kearse, Judith Leiver and Bernadette Peters.

I would like to thank Renee Belfer, Hilda Milton, Ronnie Heyman, Dean Purpura and the members of the Einstein community gathered here today. But, in truth, it is I who should be honoring you --for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine is an internationally recognized leader in its field, just as Einstein himself is viewed as one of the most creative intellects in human history.

And while Einstein's mind and heart soared with the cosmos, he was deeply concerned with the human community. Thus, it is in this tradition that the National Women's Division has launched a new and exciting campaign to allow talented scientists at the College of Medicine to conduct pioneering brain research.

I am deeply grateful for the award you have given me today, for public service has truly been the focal point of my career.

In the limited time I have to serve as Transportation Secretary, I've tried to focus my efforts on those issues where I can make a difference --a

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positive difference -- in people's lives. What could be a higher priority than the saving of precious lives, the prevention of crippling and disabling injuries and so much heartbreak caused by drinking and driving? From 1980 through 1984 the number of fatally injured drivers who were intoxicated declined by 21 percent. Our challenge is to keep the momentum going, and we will push on 'til we get every last drunk driver off the roads and highways of this country! The best defense against the drunk driver is the use of safety belts. And it's been my pleasure to work with an array of dedicated organization and public figures to draw the message home to all segments of society. A regulation we put into place two years ago has spawned 25 state safety belt laws -- and New York has led the way. Together we are saving lives.

Government must attract dedicated men and women, with a real sensitivity to human needs, not unlike the students, faculty and administrators -- at the Einstein College of Medicine -- those who serve this college each day as they meet the challenges of learning, teaching, promoting health care and exploring the newest vistas of biomedical research. Albert Einstein once defined success, saying "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." The members of this college are truly outstanding examples of that definition and I shall cherish the award you have bestowed on me today.

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