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**MALE SPEAKER 2:** Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome back Bill Clinton.

**BILL CLINTON:** Ladies and gentlemen, we are about to be treated to some great entertainment by one of my favorite entertainers and people, but I want to ask all of you - so many of you have come up to me tonight and today and said how much this conference means to you and what a rewarding thing it is.

There are many people, now hundreds and hundreds who worked to make this possible and meaningful. But there is one person I can confidently say without whom this conference would not have happened last year or this. And he has become a great friend of mine, and I want him to come up here and say a few words, and I want you to express your appreciation to him.

If you liked this, just remember, if it hadn't been for Tom Golisano, we wouldn't have been here last year. He is our principal sponsor again this year. So I'd like to ask him to come out and say a few words and bring on one of my favorite musicians in the whole world. Tom, come on up here and say a few words. Thank you.

[Applause]

**TOM GOLISANO:** Well, good evening, everybody. It's certainly a pleasure to see you all here tonight. Vice President Gore's presentation was profound, it was passionate, and as we used to say in the '60s and the '70s, right on.

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[Applause]

**TOM GOLISANO:** Sir Richard Branson, that's what I call commitment. Congratulations, and thanks to you. Sir Richard doesn't know he and I have a lot in common. We were the only two guys at lunch today that weren't wearing ties.

I met Darryl Hannah [misspelled?] today. I met Darryl Hannah today. I met Darryl Hannah today. My wife says, "That's enough."

How many people are here for the first time this year? Could you please raise your hands? Wow. I hope this event has been everything you expected it to be. And if you please, you are responsible for picking up the dishes and the table.

As Mr. Clinton, President Clinton said, I am a sponsor of this event. And I want to give you just one of the reasons why I am. I have lived most of my adult life dealing with the Cold War, conflict in the Middle East, and now the threat of terrorism. Maybe all this hostility was necessary. I don't think I'm capable to be that judge.

And as Jack Nicholson said in the movie, "A Few Good Men," remember Colonel Jessup? "Somebody needs to stand guard and protect our freedoms." But I know today, in this forum, great hope is being offered and extended. Hope for freedom from hunger. Hope for better health and longer lives. And hope for less conflict through better understanding of each other.

I want to thank President Clinton for this initiative and what it could mean to mankind for centuries. And I want to thank

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him for letting me be a part of it. I want to thank all of you who do the noble work. And certainly, I want to thank all of you who have put your name on the line. This is a great event and I want to thank you all for being here.

[Applause]

**TOM GOLISANO:** Thank you.

**MALE SPEAKER 2:** Ladies and gentlemen, please give a warm welcome.

**BILL CLINTON:** Wait, wait. I'm going to do this. Turn my mic back on. People ask me all the time, you know, what do you miss about not being president anymore? They expect me to say with a sweat on my brow, "I miss the naked power. I miss riding around on Air Force One." I do miss having them play a song every time I walk in a room. But really, I was lost for the first three months after I left the White House. Nobody played a song anymore. I had no idea where I was.

[Laughter]

**BILL CLINTON:** But one of the great things about being president is if you're like me, if you grew up loving music, is nearly anybody will come and perform for you.

And one of the great blessings of the White House years for Hillary and Chelsea and me was that a wonderful citizen of our neighbor to the north in Canada, and one of the finest jazz pianists and singers of the age, Diana Krall, performed for us more than once and became our friend. And we were thrilled when she married one of my cult heroes, Elvis Costello, who is here

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tonight. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

**BILL CLINTON:** And thrilled that they are about to become parents, and notwithstanding her impending motherhood, she is here today, one of the great gifts God has given music in the 21st century, please welcome Diana Krall.

[Applause]

[Music]

[Applause]

**DIANA KRALL:** Thank you very much. Thank you. It's an honor to be here this evening. This next song was written by Irving Berlin a very long time ago. I learned it from listening to Fred Astaire sing it. And I think it's very appropriate for the times, even though it was written such a very long time ago.

[Music]

[Applause]

**DIANA KRALL:** Thank you very much. It's Anthony Wilson on guitar. Paul Keller on bass. Jeff Hamilton on drums. I'd like to thank you for being such a kind audience and we'll play one more tune for you from Frank Sinatra [inaudible].

[Music]

[Applause]

**MALE SPEAKER 2:** Ladies and gentlemen, have a pleasant evening. Breakfast is 7 a.m. and the morning plenary will begin at 8 a.m. Good night. Have a wonderful evening.

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