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Welcome

AIESEC Young

Notes: AIESEC stands for Association International des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales. AIESEC strives to contribute to the development of 21st century citizens-- individuals who are visionary, responsible, entrepreneurial, and who embrace international and cultural understanding as tools to address today's global challenges.

Good evening. It is a pleasure to speak to the AIESEC International Congress. My university, Georgia Tech is proud to be both a sponsor for this International Congress as well as a host school to the largest student-managed association in the world. As one of the United States' premier technological universities, we are also proud to work with you to promote global

understanding and the development of 21st century citizens.

hope you are enjoying your stay in Atlanta, a city that is home to more than 40 universities, colleges, and community colleges.

It is an honor to introduce Andrew Young to the members of the AIESEC International Congress. While reading through your mission statement, I realized that it is altogether fitting that he address you tonight—because his career embodies the high ideals espoused by your organization. Andrew Young is without a doubt a 21st century citizen--an individual who is visionary, responsible, entrepreneurial, and who has embraced international and cultural understanding as tools to address today's global challenges.

I first heard of Andy Young when I was an undergraduate student at Georgia Tech. I

remember hearing of his courage and his work with Martin Luther King Jr and being inspired by the great example he set. Today, Georgia Tech graduates the highest number of African American engineering degrees in the country, an honor that can be directly traced to Andrew Young, Martin Luther King Jr., and the other visionary leaders of the Civil Rights Movement.

Since his days as a leader of the Civil Rights Movement, Andrew Young has spent more than 40 years in public service. He is one of America's great statesmen, who served as a congressman, mayor of Atlanta, and United States Ambassador to the United Nations under President Jimmy Carter.

As mayor, he helped transform Atlanta from a regional power to a major international city. During his mayoral administration, more than a half a million jobs were created and the metropolitan region

attracted more than \$70 billion dollars in private investments and construction.

His service to Atlanta did not end after his term as mayor. Andrew Young was also instrumental in bringing the 1996 Summer Olympic Games to Atlanta. His national and international stature led credence to our bid, and during the Games and the period leading up to the Games, he served as co-chairman of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.

In addition to his public service, Young has also worked in the private sector, serving as vice chairman of LawInternational Inc, a subsidiary of Law Companies Group, Inc, one of the most respected engineering and environmental consulting companies in the world.

Today, his international good deeds continue. Recently, President Clinton appointed Young chairman of the new

Southern Africa Enterprise Development Fund. This \$100 million fund will help establish small and medium size businesses throughout Southern Africa. In addition, he is co-chairman of GoodWorks International, a specialty consulting group providing strategic services to corporations and governments operating in the global economy.

Throughout his career, Young has received many awards for his humanitarianism and political acumen, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, France's Legion d' Honneur; and more than 45 honorary degrees from American universities.

I recently had the pleasure of reading his latest book, *An Easy Burden*, and I encourage those of you here today to do the same. The book provided an inside look at a man who has made an international difference—a man who has

brought hope to many corners  
of the world—and who stands as  
a prime example for us all.

Ladies and gentlemen, Andrew  
Young.