I am Mayor Otis Johnson, and I would like to welcome the National Association of Deans and Directors of Schools of Social Work to the City of Savannah.

I have something in common with all of you because I was a social work educator at Savannah State University for a number of years and I know the great work that you do. I know how important it is for you to come together as an association from time to trade secrets and trade best prices and just have exchanges with one another.

So on behalf of the citizens of Savannah I welcome you to Savannah. I hope that you will take time from your busy schedule to visit some of the historical sites that we have. Savannah is a very historical city and we have one of the largest historic districts in the U.S. So we hope that you will visit us. We are a very culturally diverse city so there will probably be something here for everybody.

So again on behalf of the citizens of Savannah I welcome you to our great city.