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Speech of Introduction for Breaking Ground on the New Wildlife Care Facility

Good morning, everyone, and thank you all for coming! As the official spokesperson for Purdue, it is a pleasure to be here today as we commemorate this momentous occasion. Since 1869, Purdue University has strived to be a beacon of academic excellence and opportunity for every student who walks through its doors. As the school continues to grow, with this year boasting our largest freshmen class yet, I am humbled and amazed by the loyalty of each and every Purdue student, donor, and alumnus that furthers this commitment to excellence. And what better way to celebrate this growth by breaking ground on our brand-new Wildlife Care Facility, which is a direct continuance of the vision of this university: to be globally recognized and at the forefront of innovation in higher education for empowering students and creating a seamless transition for all.

The new Wildlife Care Facility is made possible by the Voyer family, and we are eternally grateful for this significant contribution to our campus. The facility will be an impressive four thousand seven hundred square foot building, settled on one hundred fifty-nine acres of forest, prairie, and wetland habitats. New animal care rooms will allow students to study all types of animals up close and personally with state-of-the-art equipment.

This facility will be a long-standing testament to the strength of Purdue University. Our students continuously demonstrate excellence and remind us why innovative growth is so important. We are excited to watch as the Department of Forestry utilizes this new classroom to further strengthen an already stellar program. It is a great honor and pleasure, today, to dedicate this new building to the students, faculty and staff, alumni, and donors who made this possible today. We are forever indebted to your loyalty and faithfulness to our school. As we break ground on the property In just a few short moments, let us be mindful of the hundreds of students

who will walk these grounds in pursuit of their educational dreams. Thank you all, again, for coming to this momentous occasion today. So, without further ado, if the Voyer family will please join me up front, we will now break ground on this exciting campus development. Hail Purdue and each of you.

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