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I am deeply honored to have been selected to receive this Centennial Medal. It is a great pleasure, furthermore, to participate in the Centennial Celebration of such a growing, progressive institution as the New York Medical College.

Even this Centennial Celebration, which is in part a time for reflection on past accomplishments, characterizes the forward-looking attitude of your institution. This attitude has been constant throughout the years and is exemplified by the fact that yours was one of the first medical colleges to make extensive use of teaching at the patient's bedside, one of the first to develop a three-year graded and scheduled curriculum, and one of the first to encourage undergraduate students to conduct research projects.

Your Centennial theme is noteworthy: "For the survival of mankind, progress in the medical sciences." As a representative in Congress, not just of the people of Rhode Island but of all the people in America, I, too, have a vital interest in this theme and in helping to see it advanced. You have paid me a great compliment by giving me this award, but we all know that our job has only just begun.

In the past decade or so, there has developed a broad national policy which recognizes that the Federal government has, and must meet, its share of the responsibility for encouraging and aiding medical education and research. During my score of years in Congress, I have devoted

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myself to initiating and promoting this concept--and to implementing and ensuring that it be backed, not merely with pious words, but with the necessary appropriations to provide medical science with the funds, trained manpower, and facilities which it must have to achieve the kind of progress that will bring great human and economic benefits. Thus, as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee concerned with funds for medical research and related activities, it has been my great privilege to lead in the development of courses of action aimed to carry forward today's theme. Thus, too, I have watched with deep interest and satisfaction the physical, the biological, and more recently the behavioral sciences, grow and flourish in an unprecedented way under systems of grants and awards which aid institutions and individuals to carry forward their great work while protecting the American tradition of academic freedom.

The increased investment by the Federal government, as you know, has been in the form of funds for research, manpower, and facilities to universities and related institutions. This investment has also stimulated state governments and private sources to contribute. Today, America's medical research endeavor represents a true partnership of interests, at all levels--local, state, and national--supported by public and private funds. This has helped bring America world leadership in medical science and is an endeavor of which you must be rightfully proud since it is one of and by America's scientific community and for and in behalf of all the people.