Presentation of the Nobel Prize to Professor Ernest O. Lawrence

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Mr. President, Mr. Consul-General, Dr. Lawrence,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

South Dakota was admitted to the Union in 1889. It is thus a very young state, and one need not be surprised that as yet relatively few of its native sons have achieved great distinction. One of these few is Ernest Orlando Lawrence, who was born in Canton, S. D., on August 8, 1901. Ernest's father, Carl G. Lawrence, is now president emeritus of Northern State Teachers College, Aberdeen, S. D., and is living in Berkeley with his wife. The father of Carl Lawrence was Ole Lawrence, another school teacher, who, as an immigrant from Norway, settled at Madison, Wis., in the year 1840. Ernest's maternal grand-

1 Address at the Nobel Prize presentation, February 29, 1940.