

VIDEO SCRIPT: DR. JOHN AND VERA MAE PERKINS

**IT'S BEEN SAID THAT IF WE WEAVE IN FAITH, GOD WILL PROVIDE THE THREAD. I BELIEVE IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT JOHN AND VERA MAE PERKINS HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH A LOT OF THREAD OVER THE YEARS.**

**DR. AND MRS. PERKINS, I AM PROUD TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE "PERKINS JUBILEE." THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, OF ALL AGES AND RACES, ARE LIVING STRONG AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES BECAUSE OF YOUR WORK.**

**OVER THE YEARS, YOU HAVE TAUGHT US – IN YOUR WORDS AND IN YOUR ACTIONS – ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF GOD’S LOVE AND WISDOM. YOU HAVE SHOWN US HOW TO LIVE IN THE WAY OUR FATHER WOULD HAVE US LIVE – WITH A LOVE FOR OUR NEIGHBOR AND A COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE.**

**AS GOVERNOR, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICLY THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR DEDICATION, YOUR VISION, AND YOUR BELIEF IN THE GREATER GOOD. WE ARE ALL BETTER FOR IT.**

**THE AUTHOR BERNARD MALAMUD  
ONCE WROTE, “WE HAVE TWO LIVES –  
THE ONE WE LEARN WITH, AND THE  
LIFE WE LIVE AFTER THAT.”**

**YOU’VE SHAPED OUR LEARNING – A  
LEARNING WE WILL ONLY  
EXPERIENCE IN THE NEXT LIFE. I  
KNOW IT WILL BE A JOYFUL ONE.**

**GOD BLESS YOU BOTH DURING THIS  
SPECIAL TIME.**