# Ribbon Cutting Speech

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Good afternoon, everyone.

It is a true honor to stand before you today and celebrate this very special milestone for CEA Company, our family, our team, and our community.

First and foremost, I want to give thanks to God. His guidance, grace, and blessings have carried us through every challenge and every success along this journey. We would not be here today without faith and the strength it has given us over the years.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to my family. They have been my foundation, my inspiration, and my unwavering support system. Every sacrifice, every long day, and every accomplishment have been shared with them. This achievement belongs to them as much as it belongs to me.

To our employees, thank you. Your dedication, professionalism, hard work, and commitment have helped build CEA Company into what it is today. A company is only as strong as its people, and we are fortunate to have a team that consistently strives for excellence. This celebration reflects your efforts as well.

I also want to thank many friends, colleagues, mentors, business partners, and community members who have supported us throughout the years. Your encouragement, trust, and guidance have made a lasting impact on our journey.

And of course, I want to extend a very special thank you to our customers. Your trust and loyalty have been the foundation of our success. Without our customers, no business can thrive. You have given us the opportunity to serve you, grow with you, and continuously improve. We are truly grateful for your support, and we remain committed to earning your trust every day.

Today is not just a celebration of business. It is also a celebration of perseverance, opportunity, and the American dream.

Our story began in 2001 when we came to the United States as immigrants seeking a better future. This country welcomed us with open arms and gave us opportunities that changed our lives. Like many immigrants, we faced significant challenges. We had to learn a new language, adapt to a different culture, understand new customs, and find our place in a new society.

The transition was not easy, but it was not impossible.

Through hard work, determination, and faith, we embraced those challenges and kept moving forward. In 2003, we began our journey in business. Since then, we have remained committed to growing, learning, and serving our community with integrity and dedication.

There were obstacles along the way, and there were moments when success seemed far away. But we never lost sight of our goals. We believed in the value of hard work, in the importance of treating people with respect, and in the power of perseverance. Those values continue to guide us today.

As we reflect on how far we have come, we are filled with gratitude. Gratitude for the opportunities we have received, for the people who have helped us, and for the community that has supported our growth.

I would also like to recognize and sincerely thank the Irmo Chamber of Commerce and the Cayce-West Columbia Chamber of Commerce. Throughout the years, they have provided valuable support, resources, connections, and opportunities that have contributed to our success. Their commitment to helping local businesses grow and thrive has made a meaningful difference, and we are proud to be members of both organizations.

As we prepare to cut this ribbon, we recognize that it symbolizes much more than a building, an office, or a business milestone. It represents years of sacrifice, perseverance, faith, courage, and hard work. It represents the opportunities that exist when people are willing to dream big, work hard, and never give up.

Today, we celebrate not only where we are, but also where we are going. We remain committed to serving our customers, supporting our community, creating opportunities for our employees, and continuing to grow in the years ahead.

On behalf of everyone at CEA Company, thank you for being here today. Thank you for your trust, your friendship, and your support throughout this journey.

May God bless each of you, your families, your businesses, and our community.

Thank you very much, and welcome to this exciting new chapter of CEA Company.

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