Dear Honored Guests,

I extend my congratulations to the Armenian Assembly of America on the occasion of its national Advocacy Conference and Gala in Washington, DC, and for honoring a long-time champion of many causes on behalf of the Armenian people in their homeland and in the diaspora.

From the days of the independence movement, the struggle for the liberation of Artsakh, the vast humanitarian undertaking to respond to the earthquake that devastated Armenia, the Armenian Assembly has played a leading role in the diaspora.

We attach a great importance to the activities of the Armenian Assembly of America, the organization, which I know from the first days of its foundation.

I am pleased to join you as you honor one of your long-time leaders, Annie Simonian Totah. She has been a pillar of the Armenian American community for many decades and her activism on many fronts has been a major service to our country and our people.

The important work carried out by the Armenian Assembly is deeply appreciated in Armenia. By informing the American Congress and the Administration about the concerns of the Armenian American community and of the important role of the United States in our region, the Armenian Assembly is demonstrating the type of leadership that makes all the difference.

With my best wishes on this special occasion.

Sincerely,

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