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Dear Honorees and Woman of Achievement Guests,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Brooklyn Queens Long Island Region Woman of Achievement Gala. I am so excited to celebrate our 2024 *Chazak V' Ematz*, Strong and Courageous, Woman of Achievement honorees and our L'Dor V'Dor Emerging Leaders.

I am thrilled to honor them! These distinguished women are a special group of dedicated Sisters. This evening is all about celebrating who they are and all they have accomplished. They are role models to each of us and, without them, our Sisterhoods' successes would not happen. These Honorees make "it" happen with their commitment to volunteering in their Sisterhoods, synagogues, and communities. For all this and more, we thank them.

As Vice President of Ways and Means for the BQLI Region Woman of Achievement (WOA) Gala and past Co-Chair for Woman of Achievement for 5 years, I have been fortunate to have been able to contribute to the growth and enhancement of the WOA Gala as it becomes better and more sophisticated each year. It is very exciting to be able to offer for the second year a hybrid event that will allow honorees' loved ones who are otherwise unable to attend in person an opportunity to view the ceremony via livestream. This is definitely an enhancement that makes us proud.

I would personally like to thank Jani Majewski, our Gala Chair, who *b'yachad* (together) with our Woman of Achievement Planning Committee, dedicates a tremendous amount of time, innovation, and energy towards this event. Without Jani Majewski, Grace Schessler, Vicki Granek, Karen Seltzer, Fern Summer, Elaina Corwin, Ellen Multer, Miriam Furman and Dina Yakar none of this would be possible.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our BQLI Region President, Barbara Kaplan, for her support and participation in our work and committee decisions. This makes our jobs so much easier.

Thank you to Women's League for Conservative Judaism International President, Julia Loeb, for taking the time out of her busy schedule to be here with us tonight. Julia's support of our Region is greatly appreciated, and we appreciate her leading by example.

Although this is a celebration of our Sisters, please let's not forget to continue to pray for the hostages taken from Israel. *Kol Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh*, All the people of Israel are responsible for one another.

Kol Hakavod to our honorees and *Yasher Koach* to us all for another spectacular BQLI Region Woman of Achievement Gala.

Best regards,
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