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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings and congratulations on the occasion of Hofstra University's Annual Gala in support of endowed scholarships.

Hofstra University is an esteemed institution of learning here in New York. Founded as an extension of New York University in 1935, the university today has grown to house numerous points of pride. With a notable list of alumni, including the first African American governor of New York, Honorable David A. Paterson, and the only school to host three consecutive presidential debates in 2008, 2012 and 2016, Hofstra University continues to contribute to our community in countless ways.

Tonight, we take time to honor David S. Mack, Secretary of the Hofstra Board of Trustees. Mr. Mack serves in various capacities throughout the state, and his contributions to the university as a board member have gone above and beyond. Congratulations on this esteemed honor.

Many thanks to all the members, friends and supporters of Hofstra University for bringing us together to celebrate community and service.

On behalf of the New York State Senate, I commend Hofstra University and all the faculty, staff and board members, and I look forward to continuing our work together in the future. Congratulations to tonight's honoree for your monumental achievements, and thank you for your tremendous contributions to the City and State of New York.

Sincerely,

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