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To Our Friends at Schechter School of Long Island:

On behalf of the New York State Senate, I would like to extend my warmest regards to all those in attendance at this year's Annual Gala "*Celebrating Our Past, Inspiring Our Future*", and to congratulate the Schechter School of Long Island as you celebrate your 50th anniversary!

Guided by respect for Jewish tradition, commitment to religious observance, community involvement and pursuit of academic excellence, Schechter LI has distinguished itself as one of the most prestigious K-12 schools in the New York metro region. Through its innovative and interactive teaching initiatives, Schechter LI has empowered generations of students to become critical thinkers, ethical leaders and to live lives true to the core values of the Jewish faith. Although technology has changed the methods by which our young people learn, the Schechter School has remained steadfast in its adherence to their founding principles and the fundamentals of a sound education.

I am pleased to extend my sincere best wishes to this evening's honorees: Head of School, Dr. Cindy Dolgin; longtime supporters Diane and Howard Wohl; and the esteemed group of past presidents. Each of your honorees has played an important role in furthering the mission of Schechter, and their outstanding advocacy, leadership and service are worthy of our recognition and profound gratitude tonight.

Congratulations once again to the entire Schechter family on the occasion of this extraordinary anniversary milestone. It is my honor to applaud all of your past accomplishments and to salute you as you continue to inspire future generations of students. Mazel tov!

Very truly yours,

John J. Flanagan
Temporary President and Senate Majority Leader