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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend greetings to all those gathered for the Jewish Educational Center's annual Gala.

Since its inception 77 years ago, the JEC has been recognized for promoting a value-oriented learning environment that encourages students to develop to their fullest potential as individuals and prepares them for a life of meaningful achievement. It is a testament to the dedicated efforts of the facility and staff that provides each student with a high-quality, well-rounded educational curriculum in Judaic and secular studies. I applaud the JEC for the success of their students and their continued investment in the communities they serve.

I am honored to join everyone tonight in recognizing Herman and Rosa Engel, our *Grandparents of the Year*, Jonathan and Yael Pittinsky, our *Parents of the Year* and Bryan Fox, recipient of the *Community Service Award*. Congratulations to the honorees for making a positive commitment to the youth of the community.

Best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event and best wishes.

My very best,

Philip D. Murphy

Governor