



**HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
THE PRIME MINISTER**

Athens, 5 March 2024

Dear Members of the American Hellenic Institute,

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to you on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your founding in Washington, DC. Since its inception, the American Hellenic Institute has been one of the most vocal and dedicated advocates of Hellenism in the United States.

Today, as we honor this milestone, I wish to express my profound appreciation for the invaluable contributions the American Hellenic Institute has made in strengthening Greek-American relations. Its work has been especially important given the deepening strategic relationship between Greece and the United States in recent years.

The Greek-American community serves as the cornerstone of our bilateral ties, and I wish to express my gratitude and respect to you for the effective engagement and communication you continue to bring to your relationships with key stakeholders – engagement and communication that is delivering the right messages to the right people.

In addition, I wish to congratulate this year's honorees, two distinguished and exemplary members of the Hellenic Community, Mr. Angelo Tsakopoulos and Ms. Caterina Papoulias-Sakellaris, for their achievements and significant contributions.

Angelo Tsakopoulos from Sacramento, California, is the recipient of the AHI Hellenic Heritage Lifetime Achievement Award. One of our most successful and important Greek American philanthropists, and a staunch believer in Greek letters and literature, Angelo has always been an avid advocate for issues relating to Greece.

Caterina Papoulias-Sakellaris from Boston, Massachusetts, is the recipient of the AHI Hellenic Heritage Public Service Award. Cathy built an exceptionally successful career in management with leading global companies, while, simultaneously, being extremely active in a number of communities, philanthropic, political and Hellenic organizations. She has dedicated years of effort, resource, and expertise to the service of Hellenism. I congratulate both recipients and I wish them, as well as all the attendees at the event, good health, happiness, prosperity and success in all your future endeavors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Mitsotakis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kyriakos Mitsotakis