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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the American Hellenic Institute's 50th Anniversary Hellenic Heritage Achievement and National Public Service Awards Dinner. I want to congratulate AHI for fifty wonderful years of promoting U.S. interests in Greece and Cyprus, and I would also like to commend tonight's awardees for their stalwart advocacy and leadership on these issues.

As a Vice Co-Chair of the Congressional Hellenic Caucus, a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Europe Subcommittee, and a Greek American legislator, I am grateful to have frequent opportunities to discuss issues of importance to the AHI community. I have personally witnessed the effective advocacy of AHI to strengthen Eastern Mediterranean security by supporting the 3+1 diplomatic framework, reinforcing U.S. bilateral relations with Greece and Cyprus, taking a clear-eyed approach to relations with Turkey, and safeguarding the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

As conflict and insecurity proliferate, AHI has worked to safeguard a dynamic region while, in turn, bolstering U.S. national security. Since 1974, AHI has led the discussion around these issues by hosting conferences and seminars, penning newsletters and publications, and recognizing leaders in the Greek American community with events like tonight's.

In its fifty years of existence, AHI has grown into the leading forum to promote Hellenism and highlight the importance of our strategic, ironclad partnership with Greece and Cyprus. Its successes are a testimony to the vibrancy of the Greek diaspora communities across the U.S., and the vast, bipartisan coalition it has built among Members of Congress. I'm proud to be a Greek American, and I'm proud of the work AHI has done for our community. Συγχαρητήρια!

Sincerely,

Dina Titus
Member of Congress