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Dear fellow Armenians, dear friends of Armenia,

It has been almost 5 decades since its creation in 1972 that the Armenian Assembly of America truly became a prominent voice in professionally advocating for the issues of Pan-Armenian significance among American institutions and actively advancing key priorities on the Armenia-Diaspora agenda.

Armenia highly appreciates the Assembly’s efforts in the development and strengthening of Armenian-American relations, and its unforgettable role in securing any needed assistance for our people in Artsakh.

Our world is changing quickly, and while our patriotic visions remain intact, our approaches, actions and tools should be adapted to those new realities and be mostly focused on effectiveness, cost efficiency and burden sharing. In other words, we need more cooperation, more inclusiveness and more synergy between the Republic of Armenia, Diaspora and our friends of Armenia. Institutions like the Armenian Assembly of America are well-positioned to be that bridge.

One of those great friends is indeed Congresswoman Jackie Speier. As Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, she has been a longtime supporter of our issues. Congresswoman Speier has always been a fervent advocate for the recognition and reaffirmation of the Armenian Genocide, was in Armenia for the Centennial commemoration, and is one of the strongest friends promoting continued assistance and support to Armenia.

The Governor George Deukmejian Award for Public Service that Congresswoman Speier is receiving is the least we can do for her to recognize her dedication, enthusiasm and unwavering support.

I sincerely congratulate not only Congresswoman Speier, but also all of us and especially the Armenian Assembly of America for having such a friend, supporter and advocate on our side. We look forward to her and her colleagues’ next visit to Armenia.

Allow me to wish the Armenian Assembly of America all the success and a fruitful National Advocacy Conference & Gala.

Sincerely,

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