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Dear Fellow Hellenes and Philhellenes:

Congratulations on the occasion of the American Hellenic Institute's 50th Anniversary Gala event. This milestone anniversary highlights AHI's remarkable work as a premier think tank. Since Turkey's brutal invasion of Cyprus, AHI has worked tirelessly to highlight the rule of law in U.S. foreign policy engagement in the Eastern Mediterranean.

I commend the American Hellenic Institute on its meaningful work facilitating good relations between Greece, Cyprus, and the United States. These efforts have served as a strong bond for the Hellenic community and as an invaluable source for Philhellenes who seek to perpetuate the cornerstones of Hellenism: justice and democracy.

I also congratulate your most deserving honorees for their service to Hellenism: my dear friend, Angelo Tsakopoulos, and extraordinary business leader, Caterina Papoulias-Sakellaris. They are remarkable models of achievement who have well-served the community and who continue to remain forces of nature in the pursuit of truth and wisdom. AXIOS to both!

I am prouder than ever to be a Greek-American and am so thankful that AHI exists to perpetuate all that is good and true about our culture. Best wishes for a wonderful Golden Jubilee weekend of fellowship and celebration!

Very truly yours,



Gus Bilirakis
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