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Prof. Carl A. Cole  
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Dear Carl,

I write to you today to offer my congratulations upon several momentous occasions: the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your exceptional organization, Sounds of Good News (SOGN) Productions, your inclusion in the Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations, and the tremendous success you have found with another of your groups, the Young Eagles Success (YES) Club Character Excellence Program.

You were exposed to the power of music at a young age by your mother, who organized the family "Singing Coles" tours across the region. Years later, through your hard work and dedication to both music and your community, you have entertained, inspired, and educated many, not just through your music, but also through your ministerial practice and educational efforts. You have become a fixture of your community, known for bringing smiles to faces and warmth to hearts. I want to thank you in particular for your work with the YES Club, your alternative education club. Through your vision and the mentorship of your wife, Dianna, many children of all ages have been inspired to stay out of trouble with drugs and violence and instead focus on using positive attitudes towards improving their personal and academic lives.

Thank you for your dedication to the Rockford region. I join your many devoted friends, family members, supporters, and students in congratulating you upon your continued success with Sounds of Good News (SOGN) Productions, Young Eagles Success (YES) Club, and all of your endeavors.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin  
U.S. Senator

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