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September 21, 2019

Prof. Carl A. Cole  
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Dear Carl,

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I want to offer my congratulations to you for achieving great success with the Young Eagles Success Club Character Excellence Program, for your inclusion in the Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations, and for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sounds of Good News Productions!

To celebrate an anniversary such as this is a significant milestone for any individual or organization. However, Sounds of Good News (SOGN) Productions and the Young Eagles Success (YES) Club Character Excellence Program are not just any organization. These organizations have inspired generations of children to reach their full potential and be positive agents of change in their community. Through your leadership, SOGN Productions & YES Club have truly made a positive impact in the lives of young people in the Stateline region.

Carl, I encourage you to remain a passionate & positive force for the people and the issues you care about. You are a leader in Illinois, and I commend you for your hard work, commitment, and collaboration with your community.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I wish you continued success with Sounds of Good News Productions and Young Eagles Success Club. I offer my best wishes to you and your wife, Dianna, as you celebrate these momentous milestones!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker".

JB Pritzker  
Governor, State of Illinois

RICHARD J. DURBIN

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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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