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Dear Dr. Barley,

It is my distinct pleasure to join with those assembled here tonight to congratulate Jeffrey and Tondra Lynford as they are honored for their charitable efforts on behalf of Citta.

The Lynfords have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to providing philanthropic support in the areas of education and health, historic preservation and environmental conservation, the performing and visual arts, and research relating to public policy issues.

Your work on behalf of Citta is similarly commendable, Christopher. Foremost among your efforts is the Dr. Christopher Barley Hospital in Humla, Nepal, one of the most remote and poorest areas in the country. Since the hospital's opening five years ago, it has treated more than 30,000 patients and flourished into the most effective medical center in the region.

As President of Citta, you are expertly expanding Citta's mission of providing health care to those who lead impossibly difficult lives in the third world. As someone who considers public service one of life's highest honors, I am grateful for your efforts and proud to call you my friend.

I am therefore honored to have this opportunity to join with you in recognizing Jeffrey and Tondra Lynford, a truly remarkable couple who have done so much to improve the lives of countless individuals and families locally and around the world. Best wishes to them and to Citta for continued success.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO