



Ambassador of the United States of America

Seoul, Korea

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Board of Directors
Institute for Corean-American Studies
965 Clover Court
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Dear Board of Directors:

I know I join many other friends and admirers in Korea and throughout the world in congratulating Ambassador James T. Laney on the occasion of his receipt of the ICAS Annual Liberty Award 2009. Ambassador Laney is regarded with great respect and affection in Korea for his many contributions to deepening the strong bonds of friendship between the United States and the Republic of Korea. Among American diplomats, Ambassador Laney is revered as a statesman, a patriot, and a generous mentor. I personally continue to benefit from Ambassador Laney's model and wise counsel.

I am sorry I cannot join you in person to celebrate this important recognition of Ambassador Laney's service. But I do join you in spirit, and in wishing Ambassador Laney, Mrs. Laney, and their family my warmest congratulations on this important occasion.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Stephens