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Greetings to Mr. Kim and everyone at the Institute for Corean-American Studies (ICAS). I wish I could be with you on this wonderful occasion, but be assured that I am there in spirit.

As a Montgomery County Commissioner, I am keenly aware of the positive and constructive role that the Korean-American community plays in our county. Whether it is in business, education, cultural and artistic activities or civic involvement, the Korean-American community has added strong and colorful thread to the fabric of Montgomery County.

This year marks the 110th year of Korean immigration to this country and currently over 15,000 Korean-Americans make their home in Montgomery County. While many Korean-Americans have prospered in this county and our county, my colleagues and I are very much aware that your community is not immune to the same economic and social challenges as every other Montgomery County resident. To that end, please be assured that your county commissioners are working hard every day to ensure that Montgomery County encourages a strong economic climate, a progressive attitude to immigration and affordable educational opportunities.

My best wishes to everyone involved with ICAS. Your organization is a wonderful influence in Montgomery County and that influence is proven by your ability to attract a guest of honor like The Hon A. Marisa Chun, Deputy Associate Attorney General of United States Department of Justice. Enjoy August, Korea Month in Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

Leslie S. Richards
Vice Chair
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