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Dear Friends:

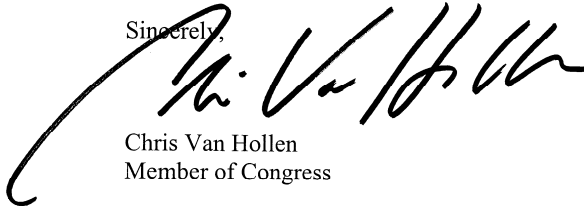
I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2008 National Institute of Standards and Technology Annual Awards Ceremony. As we join together to honor 118 NIST employees who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and excellence, we recommit ourselves to NIST's important work.

By advancing measurement science, standards, and technology, NIST promotes innovation and competitiveness. NIST has continually improved our quality of life, ensured our security, and strengthened our communities for more than a century.

As the Member of Congress representing Maryland's Eighth Congressional District, in which NIST is located, I have had the opportunity to observe first-hand the value NIST places on workforce integrity, inclusiveness, and excellence. I look forward to continuing to work closely with NIST's outstanding staff to serve our community.

I would like to join with everyone who has gathered today to celebrate the achievements of this year's honorees. I applaud you for your exceptional work. You have my heartiest congratulations and gratitude for all that you do.

Sincerely,



Chris Van Hollen  
Member of Congress