



Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Jane Hirschman
Chairman of the Board
Julia Richman Education Complex
317 East 67th Street
New York, NY 10065

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the reception honoring the Julia Richman Education Complex.

While I would very much like to join you, I deeply regret that a scheduling conflict will prevent me from being with you. Needless to say, I sincerely appreciate the invitation and your dedication and commitment in scheduling such a wonderful affair.

The Richard W. Riley Award is awarded to those educational facilities who have achieved the balance of architectural excellence and community accessibility. Only those facilities who reach for the highest standard of such magnificence are considered for this prestigious award and it therefore gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Julia Richman Education Complex for this honor.

Operating since 1923, first as an all-girls commercial high school before being converted to a small and autonomous learning facility in 1995, the Julia Richman Education Complex has exemplified every facet of the Richard W. Riley Award, a commitment to excellence and the promotion of both student and community achievement. I salute your organization for its stellar efforts and wish you the best in all future endeavors.

Congratulations once again on receiving this prestigious award. Thank you for the invitation and please know that you can continue to count on my strong support.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles B. Rangel".

Charles B. Rangel
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means