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Dear Friends,

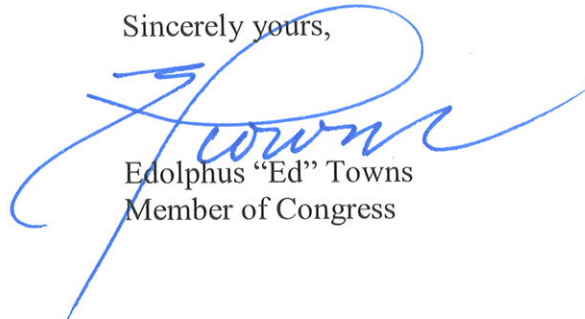
I am writing to congratulate all those celebrating the Twelfth Annual World Falun Day and to all Brooklyn Falun Gong practitioners.

The principles enshrined by Falun Gong, those of truth, compassion, and forbearance, are universal human values that bridge cultures and people. Unfortunately, the regime in China has perceived this peaceful group as a threat to its own corrupt power. Despite grievous human rights violations and persecution, however, the Falun Gong continue to spread their message of peace. Their tremendous efforts deserve our respect, recognition, and protection.

Again, congratulations to all those celebrating the Twelfth Annual World Falun Day. May the year ahead be blessed with truth, compassion, and forbearance.

With warmest wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



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