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BY THE DC YOUTH ORCHESTRA
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My wife Carol and I join Enrique Iglesias in thanking you for coming. Our organizations came together to sponsor this event because we wanted to show our respect for this great city of Washington D.C., which has served as our home since the days of the Bureau of American Republics and the Pan American Union.

Cooperation between the DC Youth Orchestra and the OAS goes back a long way. Twenty-five (25) years ago, the DC Youth Orchestra and the OAS Department of Cultural Affairs recorded a concert to commemorate the International Year of the Child.

Since then, the Youth Orchestra has ventured far on tours to many countries including Austria, Japan, South Africa, China, France and Switzerland.

The DC Youth Orchestra Program is premised on the conviction that education is more than the acquisition of learning, that to shape and enhance life, it must nurture the soul as well as the mind. Aldous Huxley once observed: "After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music." True as that is, I would say today the world needs the music more than the silence.

I wish to thank the Orchestra's creator and conductor, Lyn McLain, the members of the Board, the Directorate, the teaching staff and the parents, all of whom have sustained the Program's excellence.

And I must say that I am especially pleased that these young and talented musicians are here to grace our stage and that so many of you have come to share this moment.

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