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To the Stevens Community:

I am pleased to share several upcoming commemorative activities in recognition of Stevens’ 150th anniversary by Hoboken, Hudson County, New Jersey, and U.S. government.

First, Senator Menendez will include a statement in the Congressional Record recognizing Stevens on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. In parallel, on Saturday, February 15th—exactly 150 years since the date Stevens was chartered by the State of New Jersey as America’s first college of mechanical engineering—a flag will be flown over the U.S. Capitol in recognition of Stevens’ sesquicentennial anniversary. We expect that both the flag and the ceremonial citation will available for public viewing at the S.C. Williams Library beginning with the Founder’s Day Soiree event on February 21st. We have also received a congratulatory letter from Senator Booker noting, in particular, that Stevens is one of the largest producers of STEM talent in the region.

Next, on Wednesday, February 19th, the City of Hoboken will present a resolution recognizing Stevens’ 150th anniversary at its regular City Council meeting. President Farvardin will accept the resolution on behalf of Stevens, and several students who are leading the “150for150” student service initiative to conduct 150 STEM learning activities in Hoboken schools and informal learning environments, will describe the program. The Stevens community is encouraged to attend this presentation, which will occur at the beginning of the regular City Council meeting (7 pm at City Hall, 94 Washington Street).

On Friday, February 21st as part of the Founder’s Day Soiree at the S.C. Williams Library, Assemblywoman Annette Chaparro will present a proclamation on behalf of the New Jersey Legislature in recognition of Stevens’ sesquicentennial anniversary. Also at this event, Hudson County Freeholder Anthony Romano will present a ceremonial proclamation in honor of Stevens’ 150th anniversary.

We also expect to receive official recognition from Governor Murphy and Congressman Albio Sires, and we look forward to sharing updates over the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

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