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Mr. Joe Lepera

It is a great pleasure to offer my congratulations to you on receiving the 2005 Award of Excellence in Professional Business, presented by the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association in Windsor, Ontario, on April 22, 2005.

These Awards are a celebration of various achievements – a commitment to entrepreneurial spirit, civic pride, and individual and collective excellence – that are sought by all good businesses and effective organizations.

Our standard of living and quality of life are the collective result of persons, companies and organizations, who have been inspired by an idea and have invested their energy, spirit and labour in keeping it alive and vital. Only those who have taken the risks inherent in making a business grow and who have worked tirelessly for the greater good of the community can fully appreciate the sense of fulfilment that comes with success. These invigorating and cherished memories will certainly be savoured as you celebrate with your peers this evening.

Please accept my warmest regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Paul Martin".

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