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Dear Senator Pell:

You certainly left Congress in a blaze of glory. The passage of the Library Services and Technology Act and the legislation for the Institute of Museum and Library Services is a great tribute to you. Needless to say, the library community is ecstatic, especially when, at the end, it looked like such a bumpy road. And the thought of having to start all over again, had the legislation not passed, without you in Congress, was not a happy one.

Will we ever stop thanking you? I don’t think so. You will always be the quintessential library hero. Thank you. And thank you for all your kindnesses to me.

I was delighted to see you in Providence this past summer at the Department of State Library Services. If you want to visit again, and you want to try the incredible equipment at TechAccess--especially the equipment that translates your voice into the printed word--please let me or Barbara Weaver know.

My best wishes for a satisfying and serene retirement.

Sincerely,

Joan Ress Reeves