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Marty Abbott, Executive Director
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Dear Marty,

This letter was meant to be a simple thank you for your deeply thoughtful and encouraging words at the FLAVA Business Meeting and Centennial Celebration on Saturday, October 8, 2011. FLAVA is proud to be the longest standing world language association in the USA. During the meeting, FLAVA also wanted to recognize the many volunteers who, like you, have dedicated so much time and energy over the years to make Virginia world language education the powerhouse that it is nationally. Little did we know, however, that we were being addressed by the soon-to-be-named Executive Director of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)! On behalf of FLAVA, then, may I congratulate you heartily on your directorship. Because we at FLAVA know you, your many competencies, and the seriousness of your engagement in our profession, we rest assured that ACTFL will continue to represent and support us in the critical arena of world languages and cultures for the 21st century.

FLAVA is proud that you are homegrown: your B.A. Degree in Spanish with a minor in Latin comes from the University of Mary Washington and your M.S. in Spanish Linguistics from Georgetown University. You have been the Director of High School Instruction in the Fairfax County Public Schools (VA) and served as its Foreign Language Coordinator and as a high school teacher of Spanish and Latin. We proudly and, again, most appreciatively remember your presidency of FLAVA in 1996. You are the Virginia role model par excellence for world language education not just in the Commonwealth, but throughout the country!

We are so very honored to know you and so thankful for all you have done and continue to do for all of us.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Kathryn Murphy-Judy, President of FLAVA 2011 - 2013

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