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As State Representative for the Illinois Legislative $6^{\text {th }}$ District, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone who is gathered for the 2015 Peace and Dialogue Awards Ceremony, presented by the Niagara Foundation.

Since its founding in 1997, the Niagara Foundation has worked to promote a world where those from all walks of life cooperate to serve their communities. Our society is strengthened by the Niagara Foundation's spirit of interaction and teamwork. The Niagara Foundation has established itself as a leading voice for collaboration between the United States and Turkey. The two cultures have similarities and differences, and the Niagara Foundation fosters the spirit of friendship and spearheads projects that benefit both nations.

I would like to congratulate everyone receiving awards at this evening's event. Each of you is being honored for your accomplishments and your contributions of leadership, energy and time.

On behalf of the constituents of the $6^{\text {th }}$ District, I wish you a happy and memorable event.

Sincerely,


State Representative Sonya M. Harper
$6^{\text {th }}$ District
Illinois General Assembly

