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Fishman Celebration
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Dear Dr. Fishman and colleagues:

Here with the 80th birthday of a founder of sociolinguistics, a world intellectual leader whose mind has explored the interfaces of languages with a plethora of intellectual disciplines, it is only fitting and proper that we take this moment to honor him, not only for his contributions to scholarship, which are monumental, but also for his continuing willingness to share authorship and encourages his colleagues, students and friends. What constitutes Dr. Joshua A. Fishman's most enduring contribution is his genuine selflessness, his willingness to involve those with whom he comes in contact. How much would have been unwritten and unpublished, had he not mentored so many of us?

We, whom he has mentored and influenced, stand in debt to his open-handed and open-minded support, to his encouragement, to his patience and understanding. We and our disciplines are shaped and changed, always for the better, by Dr. Fishman's personality and intellect.

It is said that Moses lived 120 years; a Jewish greeting is often that a dear friend exceed even that goal, so to Dr. Joshua A. Fishman, to whom we all owe so very much, let us say: "May you live to be 121."

With deepest regards,



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