THE SENATE
STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

SENATE RESOLUTION
By Senate President CODEY and Senator KYRIKLIS

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of New Jersey is pleased to congratulate and commend the American International School System, which is highly esteemed throughout the world, upon the auspicious occasion of the opening of its new school in Lahore, Pakistan; and,

WHEREAS, The opening of this new educational facility in Lahore, Pakistan represents the culmination of an extensive planning and building process, which has been brought to fruition only through the extraordinary labors and efforts of a number of devoted people who are committed to fostering the highest educational opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, Nearly forty percent of Pakistan's population of 165 million are under the age of fifteen; and,

WHEREAS, The strength and success of a community depends, in great measure, upon a thorough and efficient education for its children and upon schools, such as the American International School System's new school in Lahore, Pakistan, that use creative methods to instill a lifelong love of learning and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether proper and fitting for this House to recognize the American International School System's new school in Lahore, Pakistan, to join in affirming the School's essential place in Pakistan's educational community, and to salute the School's guest of honor, Chief Minister of Punjab Chaudhry Parvez Elahi; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

That this House hereby notes the opening of the American International School System's new Lahore, Pakistan school, and pays tribute to all those whose efforts have contributed to this praiseworthy endeavor; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, be transmitted to the American International School System.

[Signature]
President of the Senate

Attest:
[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate
Dr. M. Kazmir, President/CEO,
American International School System
562 Grand Avenue
Englewood, NJ07631

Dear Dr. Kazmir,

I would like to take this opportunity to commend and congratulate you and the staff and management of American International School System on the establishment of your new school in Lahore, Pakistan.

I have seen pictures of the school, read your prospectus and mission statements and spoken to our representatives in the area. I am impressed by the magnitude and current success of this undertaking.

Pakistan has a population of approximately 165 million people, nearly 40% of whom are under 15 years of age. The curriculum of AISS is modeled on curricula in use in the U.S. rather than on traditional curricula commonly used in Pakistan. AISS is providing an alternative world-class education that will help the children of Pakistan become more prosperous, secure and democratic, and therefore less likely to support violence or extremism of any kind.

I understand that this enterprise could not have come to fruition without the support of the Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr. Chaudhry Pervez Elahi. It is clear that you and the AISS management are fostering a close relationship with the people of Pakistan and the U.S. This relationship is crucial for the success of peace in the sub-Asian continent and by extension, the world.

Your vision of nurturing a relationship and understanding between the children of Pakistan and the children of America is indeed praiseworthy. It will surely help to bring about understanding and sensitivity to the cultures of both worlds.

Dr. Kazmir, you and your management team stand as a beacon of American Democracy, visionary leadership, and the best America has to offer. I am honored to be considered a friend and supporter as you and your able team work to move your dynamic vision and critical mission forward.

Sincerely,

Frederic A. Siegel

October 27, 2007