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To: The Family and Friends of William H. Thomas

Dear Friends:

I am writing to join you in celebrating the life of William H. Thomas, an outstanding lifelong New Jerseyan whose compassion and generosity will live on in the memory of those whose lives he touched.

A veteran of World War II, William courageously served our Nation as a medical corpsman in the U.S. Navy Amphibious Forces and participated in the Invasion of Normandy on D-Day. Later in his life, William became a different but no less important type of hero – one who struggled to ensure the safety of our children. As a steadfast advocate for the protection of children from sex offenders, William played an instrumental role in the enactment of legislation that imposed stricter penalties on these criminals. Perhaps William's greatest achievement in this area was the founding of the Friends of Amanda Foundation, whose mission is to further the study, investigation and designation of ways to protect children from abuse and sex offenders. For his dedicated efforts on behalf of our children and his support of crime victims, William was presented with the 1999 Citizen of the Year Award by the Probation Association of New Jersey.

By dedicating his life to serving our communities, William Thomas distinguished himself as a model resident of New Jersey and has left behind a legacy of commitment to the safety of our children. On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am honored to join with his family, friends and former colleagues in recognizing his many contributions to the well-being of our residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie".

Chris Christie  
Governor