

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to the members of the Baha'i faith community in Virginia and across the Nation as you gather to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the founder of your faith, Baha'u'llah.

This event provides a wonderful opportunity to fellowship while reflecting upon the history of the Baha'i faith. Baha'is continue to act on the principles that Baha'ullah espoused: unity, justice, and equality. With these beliefs, you have served your communities well and worked toward a just and peaceful global society. It is my hope that you will continue this dedication to service for many more years to come.

On this important occasion, I extend my best wishes to you for a successful celebration.

Sincerely,

MARK R. WARNER United States Senator

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