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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is my pleasure to extend greetings as you gather to honor Reverend Waitstill Sharp and Martha Sharp, who are being posthumously awarded the title of "Righteous Among the Nations." It is a privilege to be a part of this ceremony.

For more than forty years, the Israeli government has worked to recognize those individuals who extended aid to Jews during the Holocaust – and now the Sharps are only the second and third Americans ever to be so honored in this way. Risking arrest, detention and their own lives, Waitstill and Martha Sharp helped refugees cross borders and escape internment, persecution and almost certain death. Because of the Sharps' courageous acts, people like Rosemary Feigl were able to flee from the oppression and danger in Europe and find safety and relief in the United States. The Unitarian Universalist Society, the Sharp family and the citizens of the world have much to be proud of in the Sharps' bravery, selflessness and tireless efforts to help others.

Waitstill and Martha Sharp represent the true spirit of humanitarianism, and their profound kindness and generosity will not be forgotten. They truly are "righteous among the nations" and serve as an example to us all.

Please accept my best wishes this evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mitt Romney".

Mitt Romney