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Dear Sister Dhammavijaya and Sister Molini,

It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate you both on this very auspicious occasion. Today you are being honored for your many accomplishments in service to the Dhamma. Sister Dhammavijaya, I wish to congratulate you on completion of twenty-five years as an ordained member of the Sangha. This is testament to your dedication and devotion through many years of often challenging conditions. Sister Molini, I wish to congratulate you on receiving the Ganta Wacaka Pandita award in recognition of your valuable service to the Buddha Sassana through education.

You have both dedicated your lives to the Dhamma, and in particular made extremely important contributions to the education of nuns in both Nepal and Burma. This is especially significant at a time when the role of women is changing, and there has been a need for leadership in this area that you have both filled with exceptional skill.

In particular, I would especially like to thank you for the contributions that you have made to the Antioch Buddhist Studies Program held each year in Bodh Gaya. You have not only served as Vipassana teachers, but also been important advisors to all the students as they meet the challenges of study in a foreign country. Your great sensitivity to their difficulties and the warmth of your personal support have made a tremendous difference to so many over these past years.

Finally, I would also like to thank you for your valuable work in the United States. A great many people have benefited from your teaching at the Yellow Springs Dharma Center, the University of Dayton and Willmington College, as well as the many other places that you have visited over the past decade. As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Yellow Springs Dharma Center I am happy to say that everyone there considers you to be an important and valuable part of our family.

I wish you both continued health, happiness, and success in all of your important Dhamma work.

With Best Wishes,

C. Robert Pryor
Professor and Director of the Buddhist Studies Program