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Dear Friends,

I wish I could be with you again this year to commemorate the anniversary of the Cedar Revolution.

On March 14, 2005, one million brave men and women took to the streets in support of a democratic Lebanon free of foreign intervention.

Yet Lebanon continues to face significant challenges as a result of conflict in Syria. The country is hosting over a million refugees. Despite this tremendous strain, Lebanon refuses to close its borders to its neighbors seeking humanitarian refuge. This show of generosity and respect for democratic ideals embodies the spirit of the Lebanese people, who know firsthand the struggles of life during a conflict.

Today, as Lebanon continues its battle for true democracy, please know that the United States supports the people of Lebanon. Tonight's event is a testament to the support here in Congress for a strong Lebanon. We will continue to work to combat Hezbollah's influence and prevent its export of terrorism throughout the region. We will work together to strengthen a legitimate Lebanese government. We will continue to support real democracy and work to embolden those groups who share these values.

Today gives us the opportunity to honor those courageous members of the March 14th movement and to recommit to a strong, democratic Lebanon.

Sincerely,

Ted Deutch

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