

Dear Friends,

Those of us who live and work in the greater Scranton area know that the outstanding quality of life we enjoy here today did not come without the hard work, commitment, sacrifice, and very importantly, the achievements of others. Governor Robert P. Casey, Sr. and Vice President Joseph R. Biden so clearly embody the qualities we value. We know these men, and we take personal pride in their successes and achievements. A tribute to them in their own neighborhood is fitting and inspired.

Renowned portrait artist, Carolyn Palmer, has been selected to commemorate the lives of Governor Casey, and Vice President Biden in a commissioned bronze sculpture for location on the Islands at Woodlawn Park in the heart of Greenridge, Scranton, Pennsylvania, home to both of these inspirational public figures. Carolyn's unique vision features the two men walking casually through park, where they are met by two children. The children gaze with an appropriate measure of wonder and awe at the two men, who were of course, children themselves in this very same place. The works open configuration, devoid of pedestals, renders it entirely approachable and encourages the viewer to come near and walk comfortably among the figures reaffirming connection we feel about these men, the children, and this place.

Please join me in honoring Governor Robert P. Casey, Sr., and Vice President Joseph R. Biden by making this legacy piece a reality in Scranton.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Honorable

Chris Doherty Mayor, Scranton, Pennsylvania