



**Remarks for Eileen and Kase Lawal  
Recipients of the 2008 Gold Medallion of Valor  
UNICEF's Mystique of India Gala  
Saturday, September 27, 2008**

**Mrs. Eileen Lawal:** Good evening distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for sharing your time with UNICEF at this important event.

**Dr. Kase Lawal:** Eileen and I are deeply honored tonight to be recognized with the Gold Medallion of Valor by UNICEF. The UNICEF organization and mission is very close to our hearts. We know that in a world of abundance it can sometimes be an unforgiving place for many of the world's people who live on less than one dollar a day.

**Mrs. Lawal:** No matter where we travel in the world, however, UNICEF is the one organization that is always present, committed and working to provide programs to improve the lives of mothers, children and families around the world.

**Dr. Lawal:** Over the years, we have had the opportunity to work with wonderful board and committee members on various initiatives, including HIV/AIDS. Thank you for working together with us to achieve these objectives for these important programs.

**Mrs. Lawal:** To our dear friend John M. Tsacrios, Jr., mere words cannot express how much you mean to us. Our friendship has grown over the years and you have served as an inspiration to us because of your undying commitment to UNICEF.

**Dr. Lawal:** John, we wish you the best on whatever your next post in life may be. We are confident that you will find another way to express your hopefulness and look forward to learning what the next adventure will be.

**Mrs. Lawal:** In closing, there's a wonderful saying that states – "**what goes in, comes out, and becomes the flower of your heart.**" UNICEF has planted these seeds around the world and we are so very pleased to be able to share this wonderful bouquet with you tonight.

**Dr. Lawal:** Thank you and enjoy the rest of your evening.

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