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MEMORANDUM FOR William J. Perry Center Employees

This week is designated by Congress as Public Service Recognition Week and on behalf of Secretary Mattis, I would like to thank you for all you do in support of our Nation and your dedicated efforts to advance the priorities of this Department in the Western Hemisphere. Day in and day out, I am amazed at your dedicated work ethic and focus on building strong, sustainable networks of security and defense leaders. Your work has been instrumental in strengthening institutions as well as building individual capacity and I am glad to partner with you in achieving these objectives.

When I think of your energy, your enthusiasm, I am reminded of the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." There can be no doubt in anyone's mind that the Perry Center faculty and staff make great things happen!

I also recognize that the Perry Center has been a leader in Workplace Flexibility in the Department and want to congratulate you on your selection as an awardee in the 2017 When Work Works award. We know maintaining a healthy work-life balance is key to recruiting and retaining outstanding individuals and think your organization can serve as a model to others.

I consider it my distinct honor to have supported and worked with such an outstanding team and look forward to continuing our efforts this year. I wish you and your families all the best.

With gratitude,

John E. Kreul,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

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