

**Czech Cultural Center Houston  
August 12, 2003**

**The Czech Ambassador**

July 20, 2003

Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Saunders  
19 Willowron Drive  
Houston, Texas 77024

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Saunders:

I am in receipt of an invitation to the Czech Cultural Center Houston Gala A Night of Czech Music, Dinner and Dance VIII on August 8, 2003 where the organization is honoring "Betti Friedel Saunders and Charles A. Saunders." As I will be in the Czech Republic and unable to attend this most auspicious occasion, please allow me to express my most sincere greetings to you both as the honored guests. Mrs. Rosene has furnished me with a short biographical sketch of a couple that has enriched the lives of many through their numerous philanthropies, which includes the Czech Center. She has particularly noted, and is appreciative of, your participation in the planning of the organization's new home through your active membership on the Board of Directors, Mrs. Saunders, and for Mr. Saunders' role as Development Committee Chairman to secure funding for the project.

As a result of your generous support of the organization and of their mission to be partners with the country of their and your ancestors, I am proud to add my voice to those that are honoring you on this night. Your role in furthering the Czech Cultural Center Houston's efforts to deepen mutual relations between the United States and the Czech Republic are considered to be of great importance and are truly appreciated by the Czech government and therefore your time, energy and your finances to the cause of this organization will certainly aide them in their mission.

We know all the accolades that you will receive this night are all well deserved and we add our wishes for your continued future good health and happiness in the time ahead.

Sincerely

/s/ Martin Palous  
Ambassador

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