Dear Friend,

On Sunday, I had the privilege of serving as a Grand Marshal in the Long Island Sons of Italy Columbus Day Parade in Huntington. I joined with the other Grand Marshals - Salvatore Lanzilotta, New York State President of the Sons of Italy; Joseph DiTrapani, National President of the Sons of Italy; and Vincent LaRosa, a businessman from Country Ford Lincoln Mercury - to march through Huntington, meet with members of the community, and celebrate the many accomplishments of Italian-Americans over the years.

In serious times such as these, when the nation is focused on health care reform, the war in Afghanistan, and the recovering economy, it is important to take time to celebrate the contributions of the many cultures that helped to sh ape our history.

For more pictures from the Long Island Sons of Italy Columbus Day Parade, please visit my website at http://israel.house.gov .

Sincerely,

Steve Israel
Member of Congress