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To my friends at the Inaugural Columbus Day Parade in Dallas:

*Greetings!*

As you gather for the first Columbus Day Parade in Dallas, I want to begin by thanking the Committee of Italians Living Abroad and all the individuals that worked so hard to put together this wonderful event. The Committee seeks to commemorate the Italian explorer and navigator, Christopher Columbus, and recognize the many contributions of Texans with Italian descent.

The discovery of the New World was a momentous occasion. Countless Italians and Italian-American pioneers explored the unknown and found opportunities to build better lives for themselves and their families. History provides us with valuable lessons and we look forward to the future. I am thankful for all that you do to enrich our local community by sharing with us the rich culture and traditions of Italy.

I hope you enjoy the camaraderie of this event and take with you many fond memories. Please accept my best wishes as you celebrate Columbus Day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pete Sessions". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Pete Sessions  
Member of Congress