



House of Lords

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Dear brother Zori Balayan, and the valiant crew of the sailing ship 'Armenia',

I am writing to say 'Welcome Home' to you and the all the crew of the 'Armenia' on The Mesrop Mashtots Expedition.

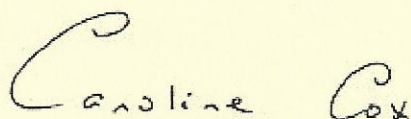
I had the privilege of waving you farewell when you left Valencia as the 'Armenia' embarked on your historic voyage - the first of its kind in Armenian History.

I now write to bring my profound CONGRATULATIONS on the conclusion of your 80.000 km journey on the 'Armenia', during which you traveled through 3 oceans, visited the,5 continents of Africa, Europe, Australia, Asia, and America and crossed the equator twice.

I look forward, very much, to meeting again and to being able to congratulate you in person on my next visit to Armenia.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the success, not only of this unique voyage, but also its great and historic significance which will never be forgotten by the people of Armenia and Armenia's friends.

Congratulations again and every best wish from your sister,


Caroline Cox