

the Jane Goodall Institute

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To my friends at IDA:

I wish that I could be with you in person on this special occasion—but in spirit know that I am right here with you. Congratulations, Elliot Katz, and all of the wonderful IDA team. Congratulations on the long years of hard work that have led to the closing of the infamous Coulston labs and the liberation of the chimpanzees and monkeys who have suffered so horribly.

When you began your efforts almost a decade ago, Coulston seemed invincible, with millions of dollars in funding and a sinister ability to carry on despite his violations of the Animal Welfare Act and the large fines imposed.

But you and your team, Elliot, were determined, and you wouldn't give up. It is a black mark against humanity that places like the Coulston lab could even exist—and you campaigned tirelessly, lobbying government agencies, private companies, and the media, making sure people knew what was going on.

Keeping intelligent beings in any research lab is cruel. In the care of Coulston, nothing could justify their incarceration. The day will come when we shall no longer use chimpanzees and monkeys—and other sentient and sapient animals—in research of this kind. IDA is helping to move us in the right direction.

Human history is full of inspiring stories of those who achieved the impossible. Those of us who believe in the intrinsic worth of each chimpanzee, each monkey, can take heart as we celebrate the inspiring victory of IDA.

With warmest congratulations to you all,

*Jane Goodall*