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Dr. J.N. Reddy  
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Dear Dr. Reddy:

Please accept my sincerest congratulations on earning the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Medal for your more than 40 years of distinguished service to the field of applied mechanics.

The fact that you earned the highest honor from the nation's premier professional and academic mechanical engineering society is tremendously impressive. Congratulations, also, on earning the 2016 William Prager Medal from the Society of Engineering Science for your outstanding contributions to theoretical and experimental solid mechanics. Moreover, I greatly admire that you were recognized as a Web of Science Highly Cited Researcher. Your passion for your work—evident in the exhaustive research you conduct; the numerous widely-used and highly-regarded textbooks you author; the hundreds of scientific journal papers you compose; the dozens of editorial boards you serve; and the enormous amount of time and energy you spend educating and inspiring your many bright students—is truly inspiring. Furthermore, I am delighted to learn that two groundbreaking shear deformation theories, which have led to significant advancements in your field, bear your name—the Reddy third-order plate theory and the Reddy layerwise theory. Please know that I am proud and grateful to have you—a world-renowned applied mechanics expert—as a member of our Aggie family. You set an impeccable example of the success that is possible when educators genuinely care about their mission to serve students, tirelessly pursue their academic passions, and enthusiastically embrace the Aggie core values.

Again, congratulations. I wish you much continued success in your career at Texas A&M.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael K. Young'.

Michael K. Young

cc: Dr. M. Katherine Banks  
Dr. Andreas A. Polycarpou