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Dear Solomon,

On behalf of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), we would like to congratulate you on skillfully and successfully guiding **Lydia Jacoby** through qualification and ultimately to a podium performance in Tokyo 2020. This is such an incredible accomplishment in and of itself and doing so during a pandemic is quite a heroic feat. You provided the support necessary to achieve a world class performance under extreme circumstances.

The USOPC recognizes that the role of a coach is one that is often behind the scenes yet can have significant influence in an athlete's development and performance. When pursuing their Olympic or Paralympic dreams, athletes look to their coaches to guide, develop, support, and encourage them through every aspect of their training to reach the podium. This is an incredible task and one that requires an equally valuable investment of time and expertise on part of the coach. Therefore, the Order of Ikko program was established as a way to give Team USA athletes the opportunity to publicly recognize a coach that has been influential in their preparation and success during the Olympic or Paralympic Games.

This unique honor is bestowed upon coaches only by their Olympic and Paralympic athlete(s) and you have been recognized as a recipient. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that the USOPC presents to you the Order of Ikko on behalf of Lydia Jacoby.

You will be added to the Honor Roll of Coaches alongside other elite Team USA coaches. This distinction is one that we hope you carry with pride. We thank you for your dedication in helping your athlete(s) achieve their podium dreams in Tokyo. Congratulations Coach!

Most sincerely,

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