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Mr. Graziano Ulani
Producer
Porretta Soul Festival
Via Luigi Lolli, 8/3
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Dear Graziano,

Thank you for your kind letter, indicating the decision of the Porretta Soul Festival to honor me with a lifetime achievement award.

I have followed from afar and with admiration and interest the 22 year history of the Porretta Soul Festival under your leadership. Bringing the attention of European journalists and audiences to a small mountain village in north central Italy once a year to celebrate soul music in a festival that highlights new artists as well as those who have made noteworthy contributions, is indeed an impressive achievement and you should be very proud.

I note that before me, other personalities such as my friend Reverend Jesse Jackson, have taken note and honored Porretta's contributions. Also, I recall when Cook County Board President John Stroger and my fellow County Commissioner Chuck Bernardini in the 1990's took a trade mission to Italy and many of its delegates visited Porretta and came back singing its praises.

I am humbled and honored with your attention and friendship. God willing I will be with you in July in person or in spirit, and will keep you in my prayers and thoughts.

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Butler".

Jerry Iceman Butler

