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Dear Hari,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the SMTA it is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to receive our "*Member of Technical Distinction*" award which will be presented to you at SMTA International in Orlando.

Each year our Awards Committee recommends that we honor a select group of individuals who have served the Association tirelessly over the past years. Needless to say, I was excited to see your name as one of the "select" individuals who will receive an award in October.

As Administrator, I have been privileged to meet and work with many fine volunteers at both the national and chapter level. We don't want to miss this opportunity to recognize all that you have done for the SMTA over many years. You have shown your support of the SMTA in so many ways. Your work with the students at Binghamton University has not gone unnoticed. Do you know that six of your former students all submitted statements on why the SMTA should recognize you with this award? We have always been very appreciative of the work that you are doing with the students, the great role model that you are for them, and the many opportunities that you have provided for them to present papers at numerous SMTA conferences. We think the students are very lucky to have you as an advisor. We appreciate all that you have done to help us launch a student SMTA chapter at Binghamton University. And in addition to all of this, you have agreed to serve on SMTA's Corporate Advisory Council. It is a pleasure for me to say, "Thank you, Hari, for being a person who really made a difference to the SMTA!"

To paraphrase some of your students..."Hari is a research ambassador for the SMTA, profound impact on his students and the SMT industry, over 250 co-authored papers, developed the industry's graduate and undergraduate SMT courses, spawned a technical talent pool in the electronics industry who have made significant contributions to the SMTA." We applaud you for your many years of dedication to your students, our industry, and the SMTA.

I will look forward to attending the SMTA Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon with you on **Wednesday, October 10th** when this award will be presented. You will have an opportunity for a very short response. Gayle Jackson will be providing you with the details. Once again, sincere congratulations from both the SMTA Board of Directors and staff for achieving this honor!

Cordially,

JoAnn Stromberg
Administrator

P.S. And on a lighter note, all I need to do before I retire is get you to come to the Pac Pac and stay more than 24 hours!!!!!!