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Congratulations Nastia and Shawn for Medaling in the Individual All Around Competition. To all the athletes who competed at the Olympics, we are SO very proud of all of you. You are the future of our sport and you will be legends for years to come. Little girls will look to you and start to believe that they can dream and that those dreams can be reached with hard work. What a great opportunity to have an impact on the young ladies just reaching for gym doors and starting classes.

Texas USA Gymnastics recognizes that you have served our sport well and have represented the United States With pride. To your parents and family members, thank you for holding these ladies up while they travelled this challenging road. Your gift of love and support will carry them much longer than you might expect. To the coaches, - a job Well Done!! As you calmly encouraged these athletes to "do what they can do" many of us recognize the stress that you carry in order to keep the athletes calm. No greater gift can be given to an athlete by her coach than you belief in her and willingness to put your own personal feelings aside and to do what it right for the gymnast regardless of the outcome for you. To those coaches, thank you from the bottom of my heart – you are a true role model for young athletes. You have put yourself aside to give to another. This is the highest form of coaching – outside of oneself to allow another to become them self.

We are so proud of each of our gymnasts, coaches, parents and support persons who stood firm beside our athletes as they stepped into the spotlight and helped the athletes reach their personal goals at the Games of the 2008 Olympiads. We are so thankful that you reached many of your personal goals and demonstrated astonishing sportsmanship in the true sense of the Games. May God continue to bless you with grace and confidence as you travel on the tours and interact with the millions of people you will meet.

Sleep Well my darlings! Embrace the notoriety to come!

Best of Life to you and yours. Congratulations again.

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