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Martin Schulz
President of the European Parliament

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Mr President,

This year we celebrate Raoul Wallenberg's 100th birthday. 67 years have passed since Wallenberg was imprisoned by Soviet forces, and later perished in a Soviet work camp. During this centennial year, commemorations, events and celebrations of Wallenberg's memory will take place all over the globe.

Through his acts of courage, Raoul Wallenberg saved the lives of tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews during the end of the Second World War. His efforts to save men, women and children from the scourge of violent anti-semitism are to this day worth commemorating. Raoul Wallenberg is globally known as someone who stood up for individual courage, human dignity and democratic values.

Raoul Wallenberg was a truly European citizen. Around Europe - and the world - there are monuments and statues in his honour; buildings, squares, streets and institutions bear his name. However, despite Raoul Wallenberg being one of the most prominent and well known Europeans, his name appears nowhere in the European Parliament.

With this letter, we call on you as the President of this house, for a room or space in the Parliament in Brussels to be named after Raoul Wallenberg. It would be an