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Dear fellow members of the Russian Academy of Sciences, chemist friends, dear Lidia Grigorievna,

I join you in celebrating the life of **Nikolay Nikolayevich Semenov**. He is remembered through the wonderful work of his many students and senior collaborators in chemistry and physics. And his own work lives on – in writing an article just three years ago on the remarkable unreactivity of the triplet dioxygen molecule, I found myself looking carefully at his own elucidation of the fine details of dioxygen's role in combustion. I join with respect and admiration in this commemoration of a great scientist.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roald Hoffmann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roald Hoffmann, Foreign Member RAS
Frank H.T. Rhodes Professor of Humane Letters Emeritus
Professor of Chemistry Emeritus