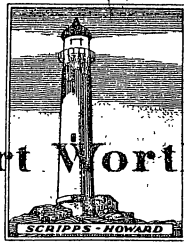


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Hon. Dolph Briscoe,
Governor of Texas,
Austin, Tex.

Dear Governor:

Congratulations on a sweeping victory in the Democratic primary last Saturday. I believe most people in Texas thought that you would come out first but not many thought it would be the landslide that it was. This demonstrates a confidence in you which I am sure you will cherish.

I am writing you in behalf of Chief Judge Harold L. Valderas who is an applicant for the judgeship of the new district court to be created here in Fort Worth. I have known Judge Valderas for 15 years and have no hesitancy in recommending him for this important position. He is a keen student of law, a hard worker and a man who is respected by his fellow lawyers. Outside of the courtroom he is also held in high esteem by people from all walks of life. He has distinguished himself in numerous civic affairs and charitable organizations.

I don't believe we have had a lawyer with a Mexican surname named to a district judgeship in this area. In the past, the excuse has been "We don't have any who are qualified." But in Judge Valderas, I assure you, you have a man who is qualified and will greatly appreciate this recognition.

Sincerely,

Delbert Willis

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cc: Judge Harold L. Valderas,
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*Harold:
Hope it
helps you*