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Dear Ruben:

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Some two-three months ago I appeared before the FWISD Board of Trustees and urged they immediately admit undocumented children--and publicly stated in Austin (was printed in Long's Austin Report) and before the FWISD that I favored putting these children in the State Foundation School Program and would Co-sponsor such legidlation at the coming session----I told them we could not afford to not educate these children--they are not aliens--they are childrenthey are here to stay and it is 100% to our advantage to educate them. If we wait then they will be at a terrible disadvantage when they have to start to school alongwith 5-6 year olds--when many of them will be9-lOetc.

Ad an old Senate compadre of Henry Gonzalez--I have in my 26 years as Senator and Rep. always fought the battles for Mexican Americans--and always willil We must not forget that your good folks came here first and have played a vital part in each event that has made Texas great. I authored the legislation--HB 1644 in 1973-sponsored in the Senate by our good friend Senator Raul Longoria that changed the name of the State Archives & Library Building to the LORENZO DE ZAVALLA STATE ARCHIVES & LIBRARY BUILDING and then after they placed a small-little name plate over the top of the door that only folks with 20-20 or better vision could read---I placed \$13,200.00 in the appropriations bill in 1977 for the tall about 4' high letters naming same--and it is very beautiful

No one--not one single group to my knowledge-has given this any recognition and I feel that we should have a big occasion with folks like you-Henry-Raul-my good friend Dr. Hector Garcia--members of the Texas legislature etc dedicating the building--I thought then and I think now it honors the Mexican American Texans who have done so much for Texas to have this beautiful building named after our lst Republic of Texas Vice President and stand forth in the Capitol Complex alongwith buildings named after Reagan, Johnson, Austin et al. If you like the idea let's have a good dedication even if it is a little late.

I stand with you 100% in educating our undocumented children--the question as I told the FWISD is not can we afford to put them in school--the proper question is CAN WE NOT AFFORD TO PUT THEM IN SCHOOL?? After all they are not aliens--THEY ARE CHILDRENIL Scuse my personal typing--my good secretary Gloria Sifuentes is ill today.

Copy-Henry Gonzalez Raul Longoria

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