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March 9, 1984

Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Founder
American G.I. Forum, of the U.S.
1315 Bright Street
Corpus Cristi, Texas

Dear Hector:

I have received the invitation to join with you and members of the American G.I. Forum for the "Freedom Banquet" in your honor on Saturday, March 31.

I regret congressional business will not permit me to be with you on March 31. Please convey my best wishes for a successful event to the members of the American G.I. Forum.

I would also like to express my congratulations to you upon your nomination for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. As the founder of the American G. I. Forum and leader of the civil rights movement for Hispanics in the Southwest, I can think of no one more deserving of this great honor than, yourself. It is a momentous day for Hispanics everywhere!

Sinceramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Esteban", followed by a long horizontal line.

ESTEBAN E. TORRES
Member of Congress

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