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**Congress of the United States**  
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March 13, 1984

Hector P. Garcia, M.D.  
1315 Bright Street  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Hector:

I am delighted that you will receive the Medal of Freedom.  
I can't imagine a more worthy recipient.

While I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to be with  
you in Corpus Christi on March 31, I already have made commitments  
in New Mexico that prevent me from accepting.

Again, my congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

Bill Richardson  
Member of Congress

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