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Dr. Hector P. Garcia  
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

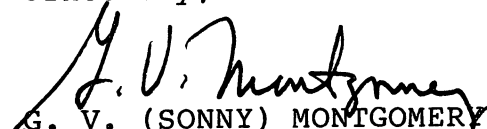
I am pleased that such a deserving American has been recognized by the Nation for his outstanding efforts and achievements in behalf of all Americans. Congratulations on being honored as a recipient of the Medal of Freedom.

Though you have led the civil rights movement of Mexican-Americans, we would do well to note that your accomplishments have improved all of our lives by showing us that we can indeed be a better and more caring society.

For your devotion to the Mexican-American citizenry, for your advocacy of veterans' rights through an active association with the GI Forum, and for your sincere concern for your fellow man, you have my deepest respect and admiration. You represent the true spirit of patriotism.

I wish for you many more years of success as you continue the fight to safeguard American ideals.

Sincerely,

  
 G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY  
 Chairman

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