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THRU: Commanding General
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Washington, D. C. 20315

Commanding General
U. S. Army Aviation Systems Command
P. O. Box 209
St. Louis, Missouri 63166

Dear Colonel Jones:

Enclose: for your information and file is copy of a resolution
proposed by the Corpus Christi Area Group of the American GI
Forum and Adopted at our 22nd Annual National Convention, Flint,
Michigan on August 1, 1970.

This resolution commending you for your contribution to our
community in the area of Equal Employment Opportunity is forward-
ed through superiors with the sincere appreciation of all
members of this organization.

The whole Mexican American sector of our regional area joins us
in making this presentation to a great American and a great
friend of our ethnic group.

A formal Presentation will be made to you at a future date.

Sincerely yours,

Hector P. Garcia
HECTOR P. GARCIA
FOUNDER, AMERICAN GI
FORUM OF THE U. S.

COPY:

Mr. Gilbert Cozmes
229 O. Rice, ARADAC

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RESOLUTION

Commendation: Col. Luther G. Jones, Jr., Commanding Officer U.S. Army Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center (ARADMAC), Corpus Christi, Texas.

Be it resolved: That one of the main aims and objectives of the American GI Forum of the United States, is the insure equality of opportunity in employment and education to our citizens of Mexican-American ancestry

Whereas: Colonel Luther G. Jones, Jr., assumed command of the U.S. Army Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center (ARADMAC), Corpus Christi, Texas, January 1, 1968, and immediately established relations with the minority community in Corpus Christi, Texas and sought their advice and cooperation in the area of Equal Employment Opportunity, and

Whereas: Colonel Luther G. Jones, Jr., did establish for the first time in the history of this activity, a full time civilian position to serve as Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, a position traditionally held by the military, usually by the Legal Officer of the activity, and filled this position with a qualified Mexican-American employee well versed in the problems of this area and

Whereas: ARADMAC is the largest employer of civilians and the largest employer of Mexican-Americans in this South Texas area, and

Whereas: Colonel Luther G. Jones, Jr., by his sincere and affirmative action to insure that the spirit and intent of Equal Employment Opportunity Program becomes a way of life in ARADMAC, has improved, considerable, the attitudes of management and employees, thereby affording deserving and qualified employees, the maximum opportunity for employment, training, and promotion, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin and

Whereas: This affirmative program has insured qualified Mexican-Americans an opportunity to be seriously considered for Supervisory and other responsible positions, to the extent that there are now more Mexican-Americans occupying supervisory and responsible positions than ever before in the history of this activity, and

Whereas: Colonel Luther G. Jones, Jr., has cooperated and participated with the American GI Forum Program of honoring Viet-Nam heroes killed in action, by allowing, upon request, ARADMAC Employees, members of the American GI Forum, to participate as honor guards at funeral services. And Col. Jones has

presented, personally, to the families of these fallen Mexican-American heroes, the medals, citations, and other decorations, these heroes earned, and

Whereas:

For the past two (2) years, Col. Luther G. Jones, Jr., has made available necessary resources to avail employment to approximately 360 disadvantaged youths in the Summer Employment Youth Programs, of which approximately 97% were members of minorities and of these minorities, approximately 75% were members of the Mexican-American community, and

Whereas:

Col. Luther G. Jones, Jr., by his actions and dynamic leadership, has proven himself to be a most worthwhile ally in our fight for equality, opportunity and the elimination of discrimination of citizens of Mexican-American ancestry, now therefore,

Be it resolved:

That this, 22nd Annual National Convention of the American GI Forum of the United States, go on record commending said, Col. Luther G. Jones, Jr., Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center (ARADMAC), Corpus Christi, Texas, for his efforts in behalf of our cause, and

Be it further resolved:

That a copy of this resolution, as adopted by this convention, be presented to Col. Luther G. Jones, Jr., with the sincere appreciation of all members of this organization, and that copies be sent to Col. Jones immediate supervisors, namely: Major General John L. Klingenhagen, Commanding General, U.S. Army Aviation System Command, St. Louis, Missouri, and General S.J. Chesarek, Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Washington, D. C.

Presented and adopted at the National Convention of the American GI Forum of the United States, Flint, Michigan, on 1 August 1970.

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HECTOR P. GARCIA
Founder, American GI Forum