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FIFTH CIRCUIT

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Dear Mr. Garcia

The attached article appeared on the editorial page of the Austin American Statesman. It has no doubt been brought to your attention, though I am just now seeing it as we have been and of Texaco for almost two weeks.

The Senate of the State of Texas and the Austin Statesman express our sentiments exceedingly well. We are so proud of you and for the opportunities we have had to know you and your wonderful family.

Yours joins in this letter and in good and warm wish to you and yours.

Sincerely

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In Garcia, Senate finds true Texas hero

Dr. Hector P. Garcia is one of the legends of Texas history. At a time when it was dangerous for a Mexican American to stand up for justice and civil rights, Garcia led the fight to open a closed and racist Texas society for a major segment of its population.

The Texas Senate this week rightly honored Garcia for his lifetime commitment to human justice and for his incessant demand that society pay attention to those in need.

Beginning with his fight to assert the right of a Mexican American serviceman who died in the service of his country to be buried with the country's honor, all the way to his annual defense of bilingual education programs in schools, Garcia has been a crusader for human rights and decency.

Every so often comes a man who truly influences the course of Texas history. Hector Garcia is one of them.