811 South Sixteenth Avenue Edinburg, Texas March 29, 1989

Mr. Eddie de la Garza President, Alumni Association Pan American University Edinburg, Texas 78539

Dear Eddie:

I would like to nominate Dr. Hector Garcia, M.D., for a "Distinguished Alumni Award."

Dr. Garcia, a native of Mercedes and former Edinburg

Junior College student, has received national and international

acclaim for his work with the G.I. Forum. He, of course, has

helped many individuals on his own and also as a founder of the

American G.I. Forum.

As a member of the Alumni and as a former Professor of Pan American University, I appreciate the wonderful contribution you are making to the University.

I realize that there are many people who deserve this award, and Dr. Garcia's name came to mind as I came across this enclosed article.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Esparza

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