Garry Mauro Commissioner General Land Office



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Dr. Hector P. Garcia Founder American GI Forum of the United States 1315 Bright Street Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Dr. Garcia:

As American history attests, all notable movements toward the advancement of humanity have held the common theme of freedom as a credo. Indeed the very principle of our American life rests with this conviction. And the success to which we have been able to fulfill this national objective has been determined by the contributions of a handful of great Americans. We have looked to these leaders for direction and ideas and have found the strength and support to pursue the concepts of freedom and equality, that, not long ago, seemed impossible.

As we continue to look for direction and support in our shaping world, our vision falls upon another great American; moreover, a great Texan and a great friend, Dr. Hector Garcia. We recognize in Dr. Garcia the inexhaustible energy, the undying loyalty, the ethical fortitude and the solid commitment to the pursuit of equality among all men that characterizes the humanitarian.

His labors span virtually all fields of social and cultural reform and there is not one of us here today who has not been affected by the impact of this energetic and prodigious life.

As Texas Land Commissioner, I am especially indebted to Dr. Garcia for his unremitting efforts to pass the Veteran's Housing Bill. This bill provides homes for those who fought to ensure that we might keep ours, and, as a result, will generate a great many jobs for Texas homebuilders.

Dr. Garcia's efforts to ensure equal employment and educational opportunity have made life better for all Americans. His encouragement and support of freedom of rights has sparked a rising political unification among Mexican-Americans. His interminable commitment to political progression stands as a model for all Americans. And as the goal of political equality takes shape through his leadership, we may look to tomorrow with promise and to freedom as a reality.

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Today we celebrate this great man with this distinguished honor. We look to him with admiration and for future direction.

I regret that my responsibilities as Land Commissioner impede my attendance at this august commencement. I am encouraged with the dignity that I walk among those who may call this man my friend.

Congratulations.

Your friend,

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YOU DR. HECTOR HAVE SIVEN US HOPE AND HAVE TAUGHT US PERSEVERANCE AND DETERMINATION

YOU HAVE BEEN A GOOD TEACHER TO ALL OF US WILLING TO LEARN

YOU HAVE BEEN MY TEACHER. AND I HAVE LEARNED FROM YOU

NEVER TO COMPROMISE THE PRINCIPALS OF DIGNITY, SELF-RESPECT AND THAT WHICH IS RIGHT...

DR. HECTOR I WANT TO THANK
YOU FOR CETTING ME WAUC
WITH YOU PART OF THE WAY
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