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Dr. Hector P. Garcia Mr. Antonio Morales c/o Hotel Pfister Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Gentlemen:

Milwaukee is singularly honored today by the presence of you two distinguished Americans in our city. I am proud and happy to have this opportunity to extend to you both my warmest official and personal greetings and a cordial welcome from all our citizens. I know that our people of Mexican descent, particularly, stand considerably taller as they point with rightful pride to your outstanding achievements in their behalf and in behalf of all who carry the unfortunate label of members of a minority.

What you, Dr. Garcia, have done for the cause of human rights, especially through the G. I. Forum which Mr. Morales now heads, is truly monumental. The well-deserved honors accorded you by Presidents as well as by the ordinary people from many walks of life speak volumes about your deep and abiding concern for justice and fair treatment for all of humanity. My words can add little to the accolades that have already been directed to your person. They are, nonetheless, deeply sincere.

It seems most fitting that in Milwaukee today, the Jos. Schlitz 3rewing Company is employing a very positive and concrete means, by a substantial monetary grant, of recognizing the merits of the G. I. Forum and its achievements. I salute them on their recognition of the principles which the Forum so staunchly champions.

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Milwaukee is, with good reason, proud of the contributions which its citizens of Mexican descent have made to many aspects of our society. Our community is infinitely better because we have shared in their rich culture.

We are delighted to have you both with us today.

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