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House of Representatives
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Dr Hector P Garcia
1315 Bright at Morgan Avenue
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Doctor Garcia

You remember when we visited I told you about the late Staff Sergeant Manuel Sillas Gonzales who was certainly a fitting subject for a monument of some nature to commemorate his valor and great bravery.

This young man's cousin, Mr Jose Sillas of Carlesbad, New Mexico, first wrote me about this matter in November 1973 -- and copies of his correspondence are attached for your information. Also attached is a copy of a letter I received from the Department of the Army dated 14 December 1973 in response to my taking this directly to the Secretary of the Army.

Certainly we owe these people who just by virtue of fortune missed the nation's highest and in this case most meritorious award.

With my kindest regards and best wishes always, I am

Sincerely

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