

May 22, 1974

The Honorable Dolph Briscoe
Governor of the State of Texas
State Capitol Building
Austin, Texas

Sir,

I am writing you to suggest your consideration of Harold Valderas for the judgeship of the 213th Criminal District Court.

As an attorney, I take great interest in the quality of those men whose courts I enter for the service of justice to the people who seek legal counsel from me. Ordinarily my interest in the men who attain the bench in a district court does not extend to personal appeals to the Governor, however, Harold Valderas is so far removed from the realm of the ordinary, that I feel myself compelled to make this appeal.

It has been my privilege to know Harold for over twenty-five years. He first came to my attention as an exceptional student in law school. Thereafter, as a member of the Tarrant County Junior Bar Association, he further distinguished himself through his unrelenting legal service to the less fortunate.

For the past several years Harold has served in the capacity of chief municipal court judge. Having made innumerable appearances in his court, I can truthfully say that he has never failed to display the virtues becoming the office of judge. His integrity is beyond repute and his legal wisdom excels the sagacity of other men far beyond him in years. His character and bearing are such that he is ideally suited for and worthy of your consideration and appointment to the bench of the 213th Criminal District Court.

Therefore, I and others who know well the capabilities of Harold Valderas request your serious consideration of him as first judge, of the 213th Criminal District Court.

Sincerely,

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