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Fort Worth, Texas,
December 10, 1940.

Mr. R. L. Thornton, Toastmaster,
Appreciation Dinner for Honorable Sam Rayburn,
Hotel Adolphus,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Toastmaster: I regret very much that circumstances make it necessary for me to be out of the State which prevent my being present among the hundreds of Texans who are assembled with you this evening for rendering to the Honorable Sam Rayburn a sort of token payment on the inextinguishable debt of appreciation which all Texas, as well as the Nation, owes to him.

On the battlefield they give medals to men who perform helpful service "beyond the call of duty"; that is what Sam Rayburn has been doing for Texas in Washington these many years - years which I join with you in hoping will be many more before his tour of public duty ends.

The public re-elects many Congressmen who may do no more than their duty, and that is honor enough for them. But for service such as Sam Rayburn's, which includes both Texas as a sovereign State and Texas as an integral part of the Nation, we must ever seek for means in addition to the ballot box by which to convey our sentiments of admiration and gratitude. This gathering tonight affords such a means, and I say that it would not be too much were this demonstration repeated each year.

Sam Rayburn can not cash at the bank the blank check on our affections we give him tonight; but he can use it as a sight draft upon our continued loyalty and support.

Mr. Rayburn has been doing a fine job at Washington for Texas and for the Nation, and in the years ahead he will have, in addition to heavier responsibilities, an even greater opportunity for the employment in our benefit of his great abilities

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in the public service. I know that he will feel it helpful that he can count on the active good will of every Texas.

Sam, we salute you!

Sincerely,

AMON CARTER

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