

Day letter- pd chg Star Telegram

Hon. Sam Rayburn,
House Office Building,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thought of

Dear Sam: Since wiring you, I have something that may appeal to the President even more than attending our great livestock show. You of course are familiar with the fact that Will Rogers was an adopted citizen of Fort Worth and Fort Worth a second home to him, and though he became the nation's outstanding humorist, one of its soundest philosophers and most beloved characters, he remained throughout his life a cowman at heart, with a deep love for livestock of all types. Our magnificent coliseum and our municipal auditorium *bearing his name* stand as memorials to him.

Because of this background and my affection for him, I commissioned a talented sculptor, several years ago, to do a lifesize equestrian statue of him for presentation to the city of Fort Worth. This statue is complete, in place on the grounds of the buildings named for Will, waiting the appropriate occasion for its unveiling.

I know the President was a great admirer and old friend of Will's. If, because of his affection for him, he should take time out on his Texas trip to unveil a statue of him in the city and amid surroundings he loved, it would be a tribute all friends of Will throughout the nation would greatly appreciate.

I notice his schedule calls for the ceremonies

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in Waco on the morning of March 6 followed by a luncheon. The President could fly up the afternoon of the sixth, unveil the statue, attend the Stock Show that night, and either leave at its close or early the next morning. Little time would be lost.

I shall appreciate your bringing this to his attention and I sincerely hope he will see fit to do it.

That was a great party given you last night. Texas of course is proud of you and proud that your colleagues think so much of you. But their esteem, as great as it is, is only a fraction of that in which all Texans hold you.

Sincerely, Amon Carter

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