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God Bless America: You are all patriots.

Dr. Holly's Response to Dr. Ruth Berggren's Note of June 30, 2017

From: James L. Holly

Date: June 30, 2017

To: Berggren, Ruth E, MD

Subject: Re: God Bless America: You are all patriots.

Our appropriate pride in UT Health Long School of Medicine's commitment to the care of Bexar County's and Texas' most vulnerable citizens and non-citizens is built on the foundation of the lives and legacies of men and women like Marvin Forland, Leon Candor, Carter Pannill and numerous others. Some of these paid for our school's legacy at the cost of their careers and jobs. Their nobility brings tears to my eyes and pride to my heart as I laud and admire those who have so ably walked in their steps, filled their shoes and fulfilled their dreams as they expand that vision.

Dr. Berggren's note reminds me of Hubert Humphrey's 1977 "Moral Test of a Government," which is emblazoned upon the entrance to headquarters of the Department of HHS, in which he said: "The Moral Test of a Government is how it treats those in the dawn of life, the children, those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly and those in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped." (We would change the identity of the third group today, as Dr. Berggren does in her note, but the point is made.)

As an alumnus, I applaud Dr. Berggren's declaration and embrace her heart and vision.

God bless us everyone and fill us with perpetual passion and continuously renewable resolve.

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On Jun 30, 2017, at 8:02 PM, Berggren, Ruth E wrote:

Dear UME Deans and SFPC clinic directors, SFPC students, CMHE staff, and friends in Development and Community:

It is interesting, don't you think, that the top headliner on what makes Dell Medical School special has to do with students providing care to the vulnerable (see below)?

"A year after their arrival, students in Dell Med's inaugural class are giving back. From a clinic for the homeless to a community center for people with mental illness, see where they're making an impact.

Emulation is the highest form of flattery. By late August, **after 10 years**, the Long School of Medicine will be offering our **6th free clinic** to San Antonio! We take care of the homeless, families in transition, those recovering from addiction and mental illness, those who are disenfranchised, and those who are left out.

Thank you for the efforts you have made, to keep these clinics not only compliant, sustainable and viable, but **thriving** opportunities for pure learning through service to the community for over ten years now.

Dr. Usatine was the founder *up first and out front since at least 2006*, but we could not do it without all of you: the community partners, the fundraisers, the passionate students, the dedicated faculty AND the indispensable staff of the Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics.

There is not a more noble way to show patriotism than by demonstrating care and compassion to our neighbors. **We care for our country by caring for the PEOPLE in our country.**

You are all patriots. Happy Fourth of July to all!!!

Ruth E. Berggren, MD