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Official Greetings

Chinese Americans in Texas:
150 Years of Struggle, Participation, and Contributions
October 27th, 2018

Dear Friends,

Although I am unable to join you personally, I join you in spirit to honor the contributions of Chinese-Americans to our Texas community.

Whether our ancestors were born in Beijing or Bastrop, Seoul or San Antonio, we can all learn and benefit from what is being discussed here today. For my family, being a Texan was a fortunate accident of birth. For many, becoming a Texan has required considerable sacrifice. I have lived here all my life, and I know that Austin is a stronger and better community because of the hard work and sacrifices made by our Asian community. Here, as President Lyndon Johnson said, the question is not where you are from but what you have to offer.

We owe a great debt to General Pershing, whose perseverance resulted in the signing of Public Law No. 29, granting the Pershing Chinese permanent residency rights despite the Chinese Exclusion Act. The impact of this political asylum immigration law can still be felt today.

As we celebrate the Year of the Dog, known for its loyalty, hard work, and sense of duty, I believe, as a Doggett myself, this year holds great promise. Our future lies in building new bridges – not in erecting walls. As always, I welcome your good counsel on any federal matters which I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett