



August 4, 2005

The Honorable Mike Thornton
Office of Mike Thornton
Dallas, TX

Dear Mike,

On behalf of the board of Directors of the National Leadership Foundation, I would like to thank you for being out key note speaker at this years annual dinner. As you know this dinner was a vast departure for previous years in that we wanted to honor the families of the soldiers killed in Afghanistan and Iraq that were from Fort Worth.

When the idea was first brought to and then approved by the board, we had no idea how hard it would be to do. Striking the right balance in the program of honoring the families and the memories of the brave soldiers who give us our freedom, and still keeping within the Foundation's mission of leadership education was no small task. Frankly, I do not know if we could have done it without you.

Your message was inspirational, your compassion for the families was genuine, and your ability to deliver a great speech with several different objectives was on.

I want you to know I appreciate you, the board appreciates you, and our country is lucky to have you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elliot Goldman".

Elliot Goldman
Chairman of the Board
The National Leadership Foundation