



Stonewall, Texas

May 7, 1992

Dear Misses Dyer and Jackson,

What a lovely and alluring invitation! I am absolutely charmed by the success story of Thurston Nature Center and take my hat off to the founders as well as those who have sustained its programs these twenty-five years. It is just the sort of saga that makes my heart sing and gives wings to my hopes for the future. "Cheers!" to one and all.

As much as I might like to join in the festivities of May twenty-second, I must regret your kind and thoughtful invitation. At age seventy-nine, I am at long last determined to retire from public life and keep my responsibilities to a few life-long, tug-at-my-heart interests. One, which falls into this category, is the LBJ School of Public Affairs and on that same day I must be present for commencement exercises.

With warmest wishes,

Sincerely,

Lady Bird Johnson

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