

Exemplary courts and honorable and hardworking judges are the hallmark of Dallas.

A major medical center has been in development in Dallas over the years. Today its many modern hospitals, study and research centers, excellent doctors and trained technical staffs have national and world recognition.

Dallas' leadership is a major asset to Texas and the nation. It is characterized by ability, courage, energy, friendliness and understanding. We have named only a few, but Dallas has thousands of big men who have served with devotion and faithfulness over the years - including such indefatigable workers as R. Hick Majors, Bob Calhoun, Earle Wyatt, Julius Schepps, Henry English, Rae Skillern, Erik Jonsson, Stanley Marcus, Willis Tate, and many others.

We here in East Texas are homefolk with the people of Dallas. We have much in common. Call the roll of Dallas leaders and we find prominent among them many who came from our sand hills and piney woods.

Here in Longview especially do we recognize Dallas as our friend and neighbor. We can never forget that it has been Dallas to which we have turned when we needed help, financial and otherwise, in our pursuit of new industrial payrolls to bolster the economy of East Texas. Across the years - in the cotton era, later in the oil era, and in the latter years of our spreading development as an inland industrial center - we have had the assurance that Dallas was at our side.

Dallas has been the friend of East Texas across the years. Our material, cultural and religious interests are rooted in Dallas. As for many of us East Texans, our friends and kinsfolk are there, and some are buried there. Our hearts are there.

In this hour of crisis and distress when the bright image of Dallas is under outside fire, we in East Texas will not turn our backs and run. In the face of a rising chorus of left-wing attacks and condemnation, we will not sit cowed in silence. While some may run for cover before the onslaught of the red smear brigade, we will stand up with Dallas and be counted at her side.

For, you see, we know the great heart and the true spirit of Dallas and have the firm imprint of her proud portrait in our hearts. Whoever would wantonly distort and smear her fair image must learn that when outsiders jump on Dallas they also jump on Texas!

Fair warning is enough. While all honorable Texans condemn and decry deliberate acts of violence, we here and now serve public notice to character assassins of whatever ilk and color that the outraged spirit and righteous indignation of a united Texas must be reckoned with, both now and hereafter! "

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