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THE CHAIRMAN

August 6, 2001

The Honorable John Culberson
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4307

Dear Representative Culberson:

Enclosed is a copy of the most recent issue of *Humanities* magazine, the bimonthly review published by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The lead article of this issue of *Humanities*, "The Lone Star State Conquers a New Frontier," features an interview I conducted recently with Douglas E. Barnett, who is assistant director and managing editor of the *New Handbook of Texas*. In this interview, we discuss Mr. Barnett's pioneering efforts to create an online version of the six-volume print edition of the *Handbook*. Both the print and online versions of this rich reference tool were made possible in part by grants from NEH.

The electronic *Handbook* <www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/index.new.html> is the model for a major new grant program NEH established last year that is helping to create digital, online encyclopedias on the history and culture of each state, U.S. territory, and the District of Columbia. This program is being conducted in cooperation with the individual state humanities councils across the nation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to know more about this exciting new NEH program or about other programs and activities of the Endowment.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Ferris".

William R. Ferris

Enclosure

James A. Leach
Chairman

