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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to support Bridging the Digital Divide (BDD) and its summer/winter Computer Olympics Challenge. BDD is a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) tax exempt organization that is committed to eradicating illiteracy and expanding computer know-how and access; especially among children. As a parent and public official, I am aware that the developmental years for children are the most critical; therefore I fully support BDD's goal of bridging the digital divide and the information achievement gap that exist among our nation's children.

As Lt. Governor of the State of Texas, I commend the organizers of BDD and the Summer/Winter Computer Olympics for their efforts on behalf of the children of our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Dewhurst".

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There is nothing more satisfying than attaining your goals, and for the past seven years, Bridging the Digital Divide, has created a Computer Olympics Academic Excellence Program that has as objectives: eradicate illiteracy and expand computer know-how and access and to donate Internet-ready refurbished computers and lap-tops to Houston area Child Development Centers, After-School Programs, Church Organizations as well as community-based (non-profit) organizations in general. BDD's primary goal with the Computer Olympics is to encourage students and school organizations to utilize computers for academic skills and academic excellence.

The Computer Olympics provides opportunities for children from ages 2 – 12 to compete in the areas of math, science, spelling, social studies, keyboarding, flag identification and memory tests. Two important features of the Computer Olympic Challenge: (1) the Digital Inclusion forum, which helps develop strategies that insure digital inclusion for all, and (2) from the proceeds a fully equipped laboratory is donated to a community based non-profit organization.

As Mayor of the City of Missouri City, I would like to add that on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of City of Missouri City, we are pleased and honored for the important contributions Bridging the Digital Divide has made for providing social services within our community and metropolitan Houston area.

Allen Owen
Mayor