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Dear Friends of the Vietnam Center,

I am sorry I am unable to attend today's ceremony opening the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association Collection at the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech University.

During the 1970s, we saw an influx of Vietnamese political prisoners and refugees, fleeing their homeland for a more stable life in the United States of America.

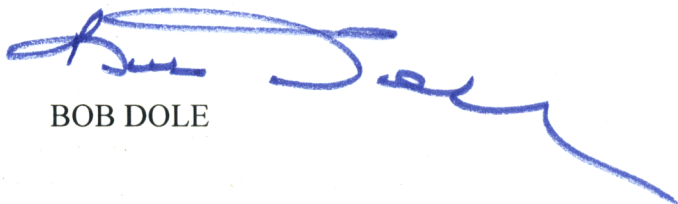
These brave immigrants have made significant strides in our nation over the past several decades. More recently, Vietnamese individuals released from re-education camps have been given a great opportunity to start new lives in this country.

Thanks to the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech, the unique stories of these Vietnamese immigrants are collected together in one place to be shared with researchers, students and Vietnamese Americans alike.

I want to say a special "thanks" to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as the President of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association.

Congratulations on this special occasion.

God Bless America,



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