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Feb. 8, 1977

Dear Judge Justice,

Just a note with the enclosed. I read this statement to the State Affairs Committee last Thursday evening following Rep. Whitehead.

I know his bill is ridiculous but he had a similar bill last session + I was disgusted with this type of demagoguery.

My statement expresses the admiration that I and our organization have for you.

I hope one day to meet you.

Sincerely,

Charlie Sullivan



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Suggested Amendment to HB 380 by Rep. Whitehead Relating to the Establishment of a Juvenile Halfway House near the Home of Federal Judge William Wayne Justice in Tyler.

The juvenile halfway house be named the William Wayne Justice Halfway House and that a plaque be placed on the front door with the following inscription:

On August 31, 1973, Federal District Judge William Wayne Justice ruled in *Morales vs Thurman* lawsuit that the "widespread practice of beatings and other forms of corporal punishment" used throughout the juvenile justice system in Texas "violates the eighth amendment because it is inflicted in a wholly arbitrary fashion, is so severe as to degrade human dignity and is unacceptable to contemporary society."

This "Morales case shed light on some indisputable facts. Children are incarcerated for non-criminal behavior. Children who are mentally retarded or have serious emotional or mental disorders are used for the express purpose of swelling the institutional population to create jobs and money.

One year after handing down his emergency interim order, Judge Justice made a final ruling that children have a constitutional right to treatment.

Through this honest and courageous Federal Judge," the direction toward effective rehabilitation for juvenile errants through this type of community based correction facility was started in Texas.

Quotes from Weeping in the Plytime of Others by Kenneth Wooden, a national view of the juvenile criminal justice system