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Dear Warren:

I appreciate your letter to Henry and me concerning the Jesse Owens Memorial Park Dedication held on June 29, 1996. We appreciated the fact that you attended and shared this special once-in-a lifetime day with us.

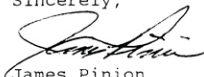
We were pleased with how well the day went. More importantly, those in charge of the Olympic Torch Caravan expressed to us that they were pleased. They gave us a number one rating for lunch saying that we served them the best meal they had since leaving Los Angeles on April 27, 1996.

The staff and I want to express to you how grateful we are for your support in this project, particularly in the early stages when others were skeptical. You made possible our trip to Chicago to visit the family. This visit and family support was critical in the development of our plan and subsequent fund raising. Therefore, you had a great deal to do with the success of this project.

We still have a lot of work to do. The park must be finished and a maintenance and operation plan developed. However, we have confidence in ourselves and others have confidence in us since we have gotten this far.

Again, thanks for being on our team.

Sincerely,



James Pinion  
County Agent Coordinator

