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Washington, DC--Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan announced today that President Bush intends to nominate Martin L. Allday of Midland, Texas as the Department's Solicitor. Allday will assume his post at Interior upon confirmation by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

"Martin Allday is a veteran attorney, a strong executive, and a distinguished leader of his profession and his community," said Secretary Lujan. "I am delighted that he has accepted the challenge of serving the President and the American people as the Interior Department's Solicitor."

A prominent Texas attorney, Martin Allday has been associated with the Midland, Austin, and Dallas law firm of Lynch, Chappell, Allday and Alsup since 1959, serving as Managing Partner from 1971 to 1983. He is certified by the Board of the State Bar of Texas in Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law and is a past Chairman of the Oil, Gas, and Mineral Section of that body. Mr. Allday is a member of the Board of Directors and serves as Treasurer of the National Parks Foundation.

Mr. Allday is an active member of many professional, corporate, civic, and charitable organizations including: The Midland County (past President), Texas, and American Bar Associations as well as the Texas Bar Foundation (Fellow); the Midland Chamber of Commerce (past President) and the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum (Trustee); First City National Bank of Midland (Advisory Director) and North American Royalties, Inc. (Director) Midland Memorial Foundation (Board of Governors) and the High Sky Children's Ranch (Board of Governors).

Allday earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence at the Law School of the University of Texas (Austin) in 1951 and is a decorated veteran of World War II where he earned the Good Conduct Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Martin Allday and his wife, Patricia, are residents of Midland, Texas and have three children; Kathy Timberlake, Betsy Dashiell, and Martin L. Allday, III and four grandchildren.

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