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*47th Annual  
Awards Gala*

**LATINO EXCELLENCE**  
*in Action*



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Welcome to the  
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*47th Annual Awards Gala*



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On behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI), thank you for joining us at our 47th Annual Awards Gala. It is with immense pride and excitement that we convene to celebrate our thriving and entrepreneurial Latino community. We stand at a pivotal moment in history — one that reflects the growing influence of Latinos across all sectors of society. Our community has long been a driving force in shaping the economic, cultural, and social landscape of this nation, and this year's Gala is inspired by *Latino Excellence in Action: Innovation, Influence, Representation* — a theme that anchors this year's #CHCIHHM activities and honors the undeniable truth that we are creative, resilient, and representative of a vibrant American tapestry.

Tonight, we honor this rich legacy. Latinos are graduating from college at unprecedented rates; jumpstarting small businesses; shaping the path forward for news divisions and Fortune 500 companies; building generational wealth for their children and families; and this year, the Queen of Salsa — the iconic Celia Cruz — became the first Afro-Latina to grace the U.S. quarter. The power of our contributions is undeniable. The energy and determination that we bring into this room is contagious and reflects our unlimited potential.

But to move forward, we must not lose sight of lessons from the past. That is why at this year's Awards Gala, we will recognize leaders who have broken down barriers, shattered glass ceilings, and redefined what is possible. The CHCI Medallion of Excellence Awards, some of the most prestigious accolades in the Latino community, are being presented this year to the prolific and grammy-award winning Norteño band, Los Tigres del Norte, and to American actress, activist and philanthropist Rosario Dawson. This evening, we will also present the Chair's Award to Raúl "El Gordo" De Molina and Lili "La Flaca" Estefan, Latin America's talk show sweethearts. We also honor this year's Legacy honorees, Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano (CA-31) and Congressman Tony Cárdenas (CA-29).

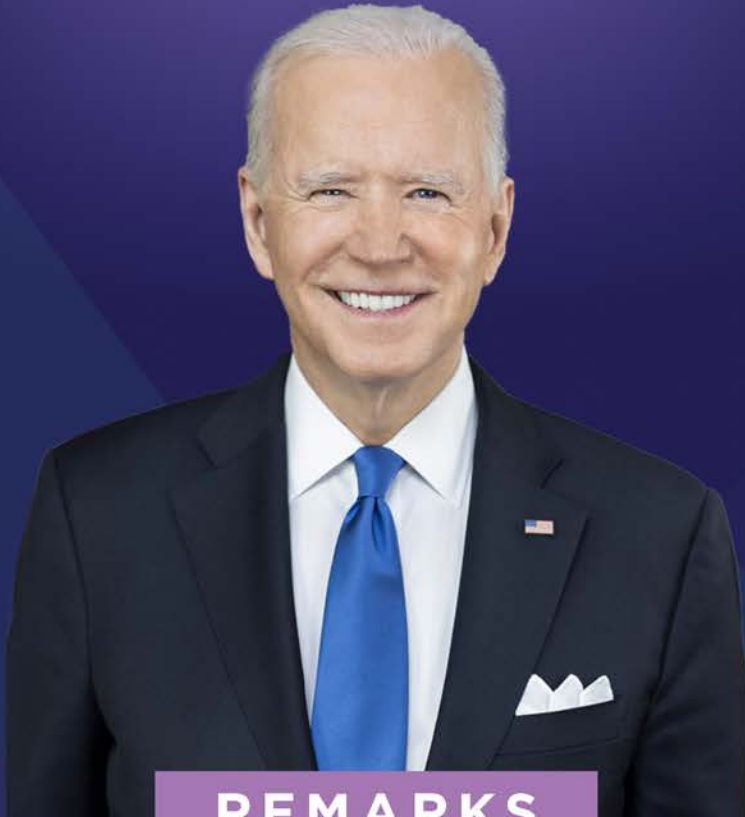
Whether you are an emerging leader or seasoned professional, know that your contributions are essential to the progress we strive for. The stories shared, the achievements honored, and the connections made tonight are all testaments to the unyielding spirit of our community.

To our generous program sponsors, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your commitment to celebrating and supporting Latino leaders is not just an investment in individuals, but in the future of our nation.

Thank you all for being a part of this incredible evening and for your invaluable support of CHCI's mission. We look forward to a future filled with achievement, progress, and possibility.

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## Featured Speakers

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The 46th President of the United States

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Chair, Congressional Hispanic Caucus

# EVENING PROGRAM

## Awards

### CHAIR'S AWARD

RAÚL DE MOLINA & LILI ESTEFAN  
"El Gordo y La Flaca"

### LEGACY AWARD

REP. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO (CA-31)  
Presented by  
REP. NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ (NY-07)

### LEGACY AWARD

REP. TONY CÁRDENAS (CA-29)  
Presented by  
REP. HAKEEM JEFFRIES (NY-08)

### 2024 AMERICAN DREAM MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE, MEDICINE, OR CIVIL RIGHTS

ROSARIO DAWSON  
Presented by  
REP. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ (CA-38)  
AND LEO MUÑOZ,  
CHCI Board Vice Chair

### 2024 MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, MUSIC, AND SPORTS

LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE  
Presented by  
REP. VICENTE GONZALEZ (TX-34)  
AND ANGELA ARBOLEDA,  
CHCI Board Member

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## CHAIR'S AWARD

### **RAÚL DE MOLINA**

Raúl De Molina is the three-time Emmy award-winning co-host of Univision Network's #1 rated entertainment show, *El Gordo y La Flaca*, celebrating over 25 years of entertaining audiences around the globe. During his time at Univision, De Molina has helped expand *El Gordo y La Flaca* from a small, niche program to a wide-reaching, mainstream talk show, spanning multiple demographics and garnering a large, devoted fan base.

De Molina was named one of *People en Español's* most influential Hispanics in the U.S. for his unique ability to transcend audiences and appeal to the non-Hispanic U.S. market. His position at the nexus of several demographics provides him key insights on how to reach multiple generations outside of the Hispanic community. In 2015, *El Gordo y La Flaca* won Univision its first Daytime Emmy Award.

Famous for his energetic and colorful reporting style, De Molina covers major news events for Univision, including their annual New Year's Eve countdown in Times Square. A compelling and dynamic reporter, De Molina has been dispatched around the world covering a multitude of international events, from the Royal Wedding to the World Cup and Latin Grammys.

In addition to his successful career in television, De Molina is well-known for his distinguished style, gastronomy, and world travel. A member of Art Basel's host committee, he throws an annual Art Basel kickoff party each year, attracting the likes of A-listers and influencers. Previously, De Molina worked for the *Associated Press* and *National Enquirer* as a professional photographer during the 1980s. His work has been featured in various national and international publications, including *Time*, *Life*, *Newsweek*, and *Paris Match*, among others, and in 2019, De Molina showcased a rare collection of photos he took in 1980s Miami during his annual Art Basel event of luminaries including Princess Diana, Muhammad Ali and Sophia Loren.

De Molina lives in Miami with his wife.



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## CHAIR'S AWARD

### LILI ESTEFAN

Lili Estefan, also known as “La Flaca,” has won the hearts of millions of viewers with her spunky personality and signature smile as the co-host of Univision Network’s highly rated program, “El Gordo y la Flaca.”

Since its launch in 1998, “El Gordo y la Flaca” has enjoyed tremendous success, rapidly becoming the leading source of entertainment news for Hispanic America and propelled Estefan to superstar status.

Lili has appeared in Red Table Talk: The Estefans, the 2019 film “Zombieland: Double Tap” and the 2000 TV movie “Salud! A Guide to Good Health for Latinos,” and she voiced Gladys Glypto in the 2016 short film “Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade.”

Among much well deserved recognition, in 2018 Lili Estefan won her first Daytime Emmy after being nominated several times for Outstanding Daytime Talent in Spanish language programming. During her historic 30th year career anniversary, she was awarded one of NY Moves Magazine’s 2016 Most Powerful Women in television, a first for an entertainment journalist in Spanish television. Lili Estefan has also received her own star in Las Vegas’ “Walk of Stars” and in the famous “El Paseo de las Luminarias,” Mexico’s equivalent of the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

As an active philanthropist, Estefan is involved with many organizations such as St. Jude, Amigos for Kids, American Cancer Society, Latin Grammys in the Schools, The March of Dimes, Women’s Cancer League, National Alliance for Autism Research, Latina/Salud!, Lo Mejor Para Su Bebé (The Best for Your Baby), and Voices for Children. In 2010, she became a spokesperson for the nationwide campaign to promote influenza vaccinations in the Hispanic community. Most recently, President Barack Obama asked Estefan to participate in a movement for the support of immigration that involved some of the most influential Latino artists and actors, including Emilio Estefan, Eva Longoria and Rosario Dawson, among others.

Recently, Lili Estefan and her co-host Raúl De Molina have been selected to receive stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame by the Walk of Fame Selection Panel of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

She is the proud mother of two children, son Lorenzo 24, and daughter Lina Teresa Luaces 22.

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## LEGACY AWARD

### **REP. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO (CA-31)**

Grace Flores Napolitano was born in Brownsville, Texas. She began her political career in 1986 as a member of the Norwalk City Council, and in 1989 Napolitano's fellow council members selected her to serve as Mayor. During her tenure, she addressed the city's need for jobs and reliable public transportation. Napolitano was elected in 1992 to the California Assembly, where she quickly earned a reputation as a hard worker and champion for international

trade/economic expansion, environmental protection, transportation, immigration, small business, and women's issues.

First elected to Congress in 1998, Napolitano is currently serving her 13th term. Her Los Angeles County-based district covers several cities and communities in the San Gabriel Valley. Napolitano serves on the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure and is currently the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. She continues to advance projects and policies that relieve congestion, improve transit, and reduce the negative impacts her district takes on as a primary shipping corridor from the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. Napolitano also serves on the House Committee on Natural Resources and is a long-time promoter of conservation, water recycling, desalination, and groundwater management as solutions to Southern California's water needs.

Napolitano is the founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus. She has been active in securing mental health parity in the Affordable Care Act, promoting mental health legislation, and working with prominent figures to increase funding and access to mental health services in Congress. Her 2001 program providing mental health and suicide prevention services on-site in four schools has expanded to 35 schools with assistance from Los Angeles County Mental Health, which now serves as a model program for the Mental Health Services for Students Act. She is also the founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Youth Challenge Caucus, which supports Youth Challenge: a program run by the National Guard cadre using military discipline and education to help at-risk youth complete high school to emerge better armed with knowledge and training for success. The Congresswoman is a member and former Chairwoman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, which addresses the impact of national issues on the Hispanic community.

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## LEGACY AWARD

### **REP. TONY CÁRDENAS (CA-29)**

Raised by hard-working immigrant parents, Tony Cárdenas was brought up with simple ideals – that integrity and dedication were the keys to success. These are the qualities he has brought to his work as a public servant, and he continues to offer that today as a United States Congressman. Representing the community that raised him, Tony has never stopped working for the San Fernando Valley – from fighting for better jobs to lowering costs. He always puts People over Politics.

Before representing California's 29th district in Congress, Rep. Cárdenas was first elected to the California State Assembly in 1996. He went on to serve three terms in the assembly and was later elected to the Los Angeles City Council, in 2003. Rep. Cárdenas made history as the first Latino elected to represent the San Fernando Valley in the United States Congress. The very passion and love for the Valley that drove him to run for office 27 years ago fuel his work in Washington today. An engineer by trade and a former small business owner, Rep. Cárdenas' experience prepared him for a life of problem-solving as a public servant. Now in the 118th Congress (2023-2024), Rep. Cárdenas sits on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Rep. Cárdenas earned his engineering degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Born in Pacoima, he was raised with ten brothers and sisters and still resides in the San Fernando Valley with his wife, Norma, their four children, and their grandchildren.

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MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE  
IN THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT,  
MUSIC, AND SPORTS

**LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE**  
SEVEN-TIME GRAMMY  
& NINE-TIME LATIN GRAMMY  
WINNING NORTEÑO LEGENDS

Los Tigres Del Norte are a legendary Regional Mexican group formed in the small town of Rosa Morada in the Mexican state of Sinaloa. The group played at local

events and parties as teenagers and eventually moved to California to create powerful songs that address themes of migration, social justice, and cultural identity, which has led to many referring to the group as “the voice of the people.” Over the course of their decades-long career they have sold more than 37 million albums and are known to engage in philanthropic efforts to help the Latino community. In 2019, the band released a Netflix documentary and soundtrack album portraying the world of Latino incarceration told through the band's songs and inmates' stories. *Los Tigres del Norte at Folsom Prison* won a Grammy and was named one of the best Latin albums of the decade by Billboard.

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AMERICAN DREAM MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE, MEDICINE, OR CIVIL RIGHTS

## **ROSARIO DAWSON**

“ACTRIVIST,” PRODUCER, DESIGNER,  
RIO DAWN FOUNDATION

Rosario Dawson is an award-winning actress known for her roles in films such as *Rent* and *Sin City*. Beyond her impressive career in acting, Rosario is a renowned activist who co-founded Voto Latino, a Latinx voter

mobilization organization, and Studio One Eighty Nine, a lifestyle artisan forward brand produced in Ghana celebrating African heritage. An innovative powerhouse who is dedicated to driving positive change, Rosario also serves on the boards of Lower Eastside Girls Club in Manhattan, V-Day, Operation USA and most recently founded The Rio Dawn Foundation to raise funds and promote organizations dedicated to a range of causes including fighting for environmental justice; investing in young people; championing the rights of women and girls; promoting equity; and making education available for all.

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## THE MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE FOR A DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

### **MIRYAM C. GRANTHON-GERDINE, MPH** ***1996-1997 Public Policy Fellow***

Miryam Granthon-Gerdine, a Social Science Research Analyst in the Bureau of Health Workforce at the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and now *CHCI's 2024 Medallion of Excellence for a Distinguished Alumnus honoree*, brings academic training, lived experience, and a passion for serving vulnerable and underserved communities. At HRSA, Miryam currently leads a team of six project officers in

managing the \$66 million Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) for the Professionals Grant Program. Over her 20-year federal career, Miryam has worked in several HHS agencies and offices, including HRSA; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the Office of Minority Health; the Office of Adolescent Health; the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion; and the Office of Priority Populations.

Miryam earned her master's degree in public health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and serves as an advisor to the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions. She has also been an Associate Professor at the school, co-teaching a course on Latino Health Indicators. Prior to accepting the CHCI Fellowship in 1996, Miryam pursued a master's in social work at Boston University School of Social Work. She's currently on the Gala Theater Advisory Council.

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## CHCI YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD

### **ARIZONA STATE SENATOR FLAVIO BRAVO** *2019-2020 Postgraduate Fellow*

Arizona State Senator, Flavio Bravo and now CHCI's 2024 Young Alumnus honoree was elected to the Arizona State Legislature in November 2022 and represents the 26th legislative district. He is currently the youngest State Senator in Arizona, serving on the Senate Elections, Judiciary, and Rules committees. Senator Bravo is a proud first-generation college graduate, earning his bachelor's degree from Loyola

University Chicago, where he served as student body president. He also holds a master's degree from the University of San Francisco and is currently pursuing his MBA from the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University.

Senator Bravo lends his knowledge and expertise serving on the Board of Directors for Open Hearts Family Wellness in Central Phoenix and the Kino Border Initiative in Southern Arizona. He also serves on the Board of the Arizona Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee and is the West Region Chair for the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators.

In 2019-2020 he served as a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Housing Graduate Fellow in Washington, D.C., focusing on housing and economic policy for Arizona's seventh congressional district. Senator Bravo was also recently honored as the 2024 Senator of the Year by the Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

# 2024 GALA EMCEE



## **MARIA CARDONA**

Maria Cardona, a native of Colombia who was raised in Puerto Rico, is widely known as a savvy political commentator and is regarded as one of the nation's top 100 most influential Latinos. A principal who leads Dewey Square Group's Multicultural and Public Affairs practices, she has also appeared frequently on MSNBC, FOX, Univision, and Telemundo prior to signing on exclusively with CNN. Through her work as a political commentator, strategist in presidential campaigns, and communications head at the Democratic National Committee, Cardona has elevated Latino issues to national audiences and key stakeholders for decades.



# ENTERTAINMENT FINALE



## FEFITA LA GRANDE

Manuela Josefa Cabrera Taveras, known as Fefita La Grande, is a Dominican accordionist and the most recognized female performer of típico merengue, a more rural variation of merengue, the main musical genre of the Dominican Republic. She is one of the greatest representatives of the "típico genre". Her version of the song "La chiflera" is an emblem of típico music.

Fefita was born in a small town in the province of Santiago Rodríguez in the Dominican Republic. She was motivated to play the accordion after listening to the songs of Guandulito, one of the pioneers of típico merengue. At the age of seven Fefita was already known in her community for her talent as an accordionist and at nine she began entertaining parties with the accordion, güira, and tambora. In the mid-1950s, due to her talent and charisma, she was approached by José "Petán" Arismendy (brother of dictator Rafael Leónidas Trujillo) who, upon hearing her play, took a hundred pesos out of his pocket and gave them to Fefita, who was barely twelve years old at the time.

The name "La Vieja Fefa" was given to her by Tatíco Henríquez when she was 17 years old and Bartolo Alvarado "El Ciego de Nagua" baptized her with the name "Fefita La Grande".

Fefita was the first Dominican artist to bring típico merengue to Europe. At the same time she began her career with her first LP "Si quiere venir que venga". She has performed merengues by many authors, including her father Don Seito.

For decades Fefita has been revered as a pioneer for women in merengue. Flanked by the likes of Milly Quezada and Las Chicas del Can, and specifically exulting the work of younger accordionists María Díaz and La India Canela. After criticizing Premios Soberano (formerly known as Premios Cassandra) in 1986 due to their lack of nominations for merengue típico, Fefita was the first to win a statuette in the new category the following year.

# PAST HONOREES

## 2005

Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa  
Alonzo Cantu  
Rita Moreno

## 2004

Arturo Rodriguez  
Dolores Huerta  
Jorge Ramos

## 2003

Hon. Bill Richardson  
Amb. Raúl Yzaguirre  
Ricky Martin

## 2002

Hon. Henry Cisneros  
Emilio and Gloria Estefan

## 2001

Awards were not conferred due to the cancellation of the gala in the wake of September 11, 2001

## 2000

Dedicated to the entire Hispanic community for their contributions to the United States.

## 1999

Sen. Robert Menendez  
Carlos Santana

## 1998

Awards were not conferred due to the retirements of Rep. Gonzalez and Rep. Torres.

## 1997

Moctesuma Esparza  
Elisa Sanchez  
Hon. Frank Tejeda  
(in memoriam)

## 1996

Awards were not conferred due to the retirement of CHCI founding member, Hon. E. "Kika" de la Garza.

## 1995

Dr. Manuel A. Alzugaray  
Carmen Zapata

## 1994

Hon. Fernando Ferrer  
Miriam I. Cruz

## 1993

Lucille Beserra-Roybal  
Dr. Ellen Ochoa

## 1992

Antonia Hernandez

## 1991

Sonia Manzano  
Jesse Benavides

## 1990

Dr. Antonia C. Novello  
Sidney M. Gutierrez

## 1989

Marta Istomin  
Edward James Olmos

## 1988

Prof. Jaime Escalante  
Chi Chi Rodríguez

## 1987

Dr. Franklin Chang Díaz

## 1986

Hon. Clara Padilla Andrews  
Hon. Edward N. Hidalgo

## 1985

Hon. E. "Kika" de la Garza  
Hon. Robert Garcia  
Mrs. Jane Lee García  
Hon. Manuel Lujan, Jr.  
Hon. Edward R. Roybal



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## 2022

Hon. Albio Sires  
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Jaime Jarrín

## 2021

America Ferrera  
Sylvia Mendez  
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## 2020

Isabel Allende  
Chef José Andrés  
Hon. Julián Castro  
Hon. José E. Serrano  
Mildred Otero  
Andrés Cano

## 2019

Robert Rodriguez  
Dr. Ellen Ochoa  
Alejandra Castillo  
Alma Acosta

## 2018

Jorge Ramos  
Anna Michele Bobadilla  
Hon. Luis V. Gutiérrez  
Hon. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
Juan Otero  
Bertha Guerrero

## 2017

Lin-Manuel Miranda  
Cástulo de la Rocha  
Sandra Cisneros  
Rudy Beserra  
Susan I. Santana

## 2016

Anna Maria Chavez  
Cheech Marin  
Arnoldo Avalos

## 2015

Sonia Gutierrez  
Anthony Muñoz  
Chef José Andrés  
Alejandra Ceja

## 2014

Dr. Juliet V. García  
Eliseo Medina  
José Díaz-Balart  
Henry L. Fernández

## 2013

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Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr.  
Dr. Francisco G. Cigarroa  
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Lt. Col. Consuelo  
Castillo Kickbusch (Ret.)  
Dr. Alfredo Quiñones-  
Hinojosa  
Hon. Liza Rodriguez

## 2011

Vikki Carr  
José Hernández  
Hon. Ken Salazar  
Hon. Hilda L. Solis  
Orson Aguilar  
Chris Weitz

## 2010

Eva Longoria  
Arturo Sandoval  
Lin-Manuel Miranda  
Gabriella Gomez

## 2009

Eduardo "Lalo" Guerrero  
Soledad O'Brien  
Marc Anthony  
Ana Maria Arias

## 2008

Rosie Perez  
Lt. General Ricardo  
Sanchez (Ret.)  
Hon. Solomón P. Ortiz  
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## 2007

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## 2006

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HON. ED  
PASTOR



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HON. JOSÉ  
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DE LA GARZA



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HON. ESTEBAN  
TORRES



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MARTINEZ



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HON. BILL  
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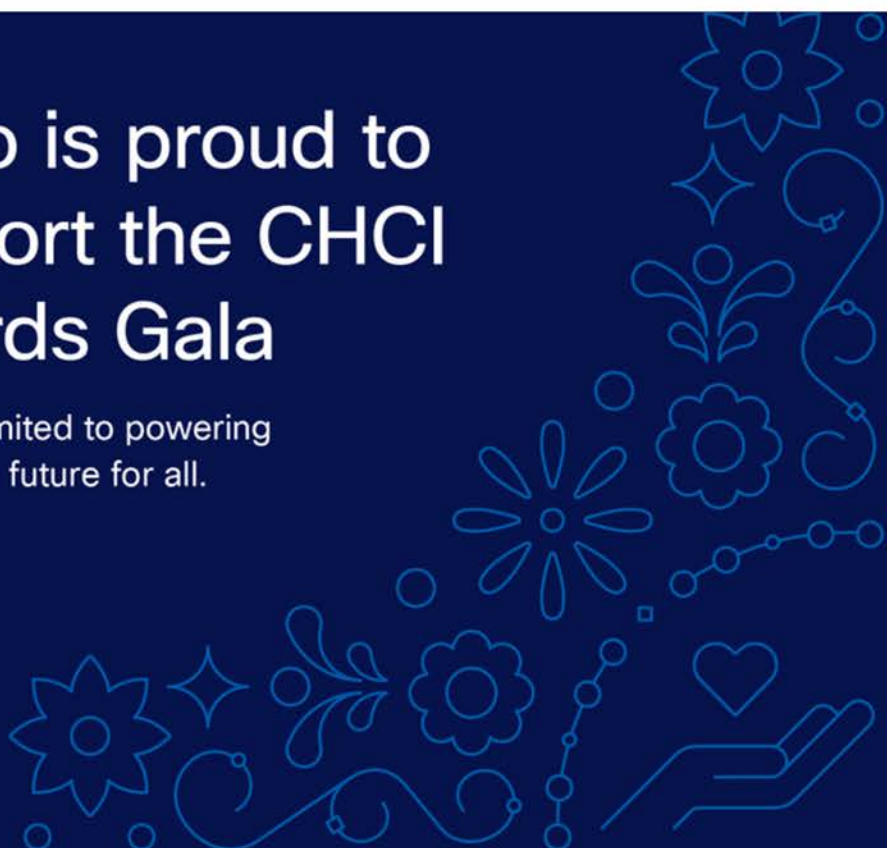
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