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HISTORY, ORGANIZATION, OBJECTIVES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The American GI Forum was founded on March 26, 1948 - more than 27 years ago, in Corpus Christi, Texas. It was created because a Mexican-American GI, veteran of World War II, was refused burial in a federal military cemetery because of his race.

Today the GI Forum has a five-figure membership which operates through more than 500 chapters in the majority of states plus some foreign nations such as Germany and England.

The GI Forum was founded by Dr. Hector P. Garcia, an ex-Army officer who is active today as a M.D. in Corpus Christi. Dr. Garcia was aware that Hispanic-Americans per capita have received the greatest percentage of Congressional Medals of Honor and awards for valor.

America's 13-16 million Hispanic Americans constitute the second largest U.S. ethnic minority - and the one which is largest throughout the Southwest and West. Though Hispanic-predominant, the GI Forum is a U.S. veteran's family organization and fully interracial.

Our national chairmen and Founder have continued to emphasize development of our Women's Organization and Youth Organization. National officers represent several states, including Texas, California, Colorado and Illinois.

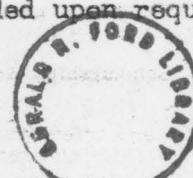
The American GI Forum seeks parity of average family income, educational attainment, and pride, dignity and respect among America's ethnic groups, toward national unity and strength. It is an effective advocate at the national, state and local levels and, in addition to being heavily community-based and "grass roots" oriented, includes a substantial percentage of members who occupy professional positions, hold advanced degrees, etc.

More than eight years ago the GI Forum became a founder and national co-sponsor of SER--Jobs For Progress, Inc. In 1973, prior to revenue-sharing, National SER had prime contracts at an annual level of \$20 million, mainly through Dept. of Labor.

SER is now a key part of a network of nearly 100 offices around the U.S. through which the GI Forum helps to provide manpower, training and economic development services. Many are funded through CETA and revenue sharing. Other projects include VOP (Veterans Outreach Program), OMBE (Office of Minority Business Enterprise), and Army ROTC.

Though the American GI Forum started with an emphasis on veteran's affairs and problems, it continues with this but now includes the range of Hispanic American social and economic concerns. Our objectives aim to uphold democracy, end discrimination, develop leadership and involvement, and build our people. A full statement of our goals and objectives, from our Constitution, can be provided upon request.

Education Is Our Freedom, and Freedom Should Be Everybody's Business



As a Hispanic-predominant national organization, in which the majority of members are veterans and Spanish-speaking, it is in the best interests of the American Democratic Free Enterprise (ADFE) system that we retain this mixture and balance, as a vital part of our credibility as advocates and representatives.

We are advocates, catalysts, patriots - intensely loyal American "change agents" who want to continuously improve, unify and strengthen our (ADFE) system by moving toward parity and constructive involvement. In pursuing this we tend to place emphasis along the following lines:

- 1) The American GI Forum is a FORUM, supporting town meetings, freedom of speech and the press, and proper expression of both sides of issues and problems.
- 2) We support our American system, and specifically the American democratic system, and the basic values of free enterprise and capitalism - where and when these are allowed to work, without blockage.
- 3) Barriers to equality, and equal (employment) opportunity, and also to affirmative action, and leadership and initiative at the top, create blockages and cause immobility and inequality, undermining and distorting our system.
- 4) Though Hispanic-predominant, the American GI Forum is interracial, and operates without barriers against Black Americans, White Anglo-Americans, or any other group of Americans which may be non-Hispanic or non-Chicano, welcoming them to join "to work for the aims and objectives of the organization.
- 5) As patriots and veterans, the American GI Forum supports non-violence and the suppression of crime, but it does not support racial suppression or subjugation, or the misuse and excess of police power to support a distorted view of "law and order" without justice and an effective legal and court system.

The aims and objectives of the AMERICAN GI FORUM are as follows:

1. To develop leadership by creating interest in the Spanish speaking population to participate intelligently and wholeheartedly in community, civic and political affairs.
2. Advance understanding between citizens of various national origins and religious beliefs in order to develop a more enlightened citizenry and a greater AMERICA.
3. Preserve and advance the basic principles of democracy, the religious and political freedom of the individual, and equal social and economic opportunities for all citizens.
4. Secure and protect for all veterans and their families, regardless of race, color or creed, the privileges vested to them by the Constitution and Laws of our COUNTRY.
5. Combat juvenile delinquency through the Junior GI Forum program which teaches respect for law and order, discipline, good sportsmanship and the value of teamwork.
6. Uphold and maintain loyalty to the CONSTITUTION and FLAG of the UNITED STATES.
7. Award scholarships to deserving students.
8. Preserve and defend the United States of America from all enemies.

6) The GI Forum supports constructive socioeconomic change, but with an honest effort by each party as "American partners going 51% on a two-way street" in a manner which is realistic and feasible, in line with imbalanced resources of time and funds. We expect leadership and initiative from persons in leadership positions, particularly where affirmative action and EEO responsibilities exist.

7) As is clearly stated from our Constitution, the GI Forum is not a "racist and separatist" organization and can not legally support any other such group, from any ethnic area. We are pro-American, not "anti", preferring alternatives to confrontation.

8) As an advocate, oriented toward constructive American goals, the American GI Forum seeks not only to address problems and failures but also to be informed about strengths and successes, to identify positive models and appropriate "heroes" and standards, and to acknowledge and disseminate these.



May 20, 1975

Dear Tony:

The enclosed Armed Forces Day Proclamation comes with the President's best wishes.

On behalf of the President, I am pleased to share this priceless memento with the American G. I. Forum as a tribute to the Forum and its members for their untiring efforts on behalf of Spanish speaking veterans throughout the nation.

Fraternalmente,

Fernando E. C. De Baca
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Antonio Morales
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November 3, 1975

Dear Bob:

Thank you for keeping me posted on the 1976 American G. I. Forum National Convention planned for Denver, Colorado next summer. As usual, you are right in there doing a fantastic job on behalf of our people.

We are all very hopeful that the President will be able to work an appearance at the Convention into his heavy schedule.

Keep up the good work. Kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

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American GI Forum of U.S. **National Convention - "76"**



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October 29, 1975

National Convention Committee:

John J. Padilla, *Chairman*
Sarah Barela, *Co-Chairman*
Lawrence Martinez, *Co-Chairman*

Fernando Ce De Baca
White House
Special Assistant to the President
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Fernando:

I called your office last week to discuss President Ford being the keynote address speaker for the National American GI Forum Convention to be held in Denver, Colorado, July 30, 1976.

This important event will, I hope, be coordinated with Congressman William Armstrong of Colorado and your office.

Additional information regarding the conference will be forthcoming. Enclosed is a copy of the letter of invitation to the President.

Sincerely,

Robert U. Barela

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Enclosure





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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

It is with great pride and honor to respectfully invite you to our Twenty Seventh Annual National - American GI Forum Convention, to be held at the Regency Inn Hotel in Denver, Colorado, July 28 through August 1, 1976.

Your presence as the Keynote Address Speaker during the banquet on Friday evening, July 30th, at this important Bicentennial convention will continue to display your concern, sensitivity, and ability to work with and assist the Spanish speaking of this great nation.

As you know, the American GI Forum is a National Veterans Family Organization composed of some one thousand chapters in more than forty states. The membership is such that it is the largest and most active national organization representing the Spanish surnamed community.

Through Forum sponsored programs, such as: The Veterans Outreach Program (VOP), SER/Jobs for Progress, Inc., SER/Educational Talent Search, GI Forum Resource Officers Training Corp, Office of Minority Enterprise (OMBE), and Women in Community Service (WICS), some seventy offices operate efficiently throughout the United States in assisting companies achieve their affirmative action goals and implementing equal employment opportunity.



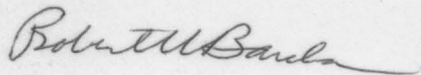
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A VETERANS FAMILY ORGANIZATION

The President
October 27, 1975
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I am coordinating this conference with my colleagues, Colorado Congressman William Armstrong and your Special Assistant for Spanish Speaking Affairs, Fernando Ce De Baca.

Hoping to hear from you soon confirming your presence at this most important National Bicentennial Convention.

Very sincerely yours,



Robert U. Barela
Coordinating Committee

P.S. Enclosed is a picture that you, I and our friend United States Senator Peter Dominick had taken when you were in Colorado last year meeting with the Spanish Speaking Citizenry.



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July 9, 1975

Dear Mr. Ellery:

On behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your courtesy in re-extending the invitation, provided him by Mr. Morales several months ago in person, to attend and address the National Convention of the American GI Forum in Cheyenne, Wyoming, August 6-10.

Now that the August schedule has been finalized, the President will be unable to make an appearance before the convention of the American GI Forum.

With his regrets, the President sends his very best wishes to you and, again, an expression of his thanks for your thoughtful letter.

Sincerely,

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TO Mr. Fernando E. C. DeBaca

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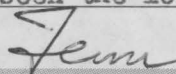
DATE July 8, 1975

Per your request in our meeting last Wed., attached is a copy of the letter of invitation sent to President Gerald R. Ford. In addition, the last of 44 other such letters will have gone out to Cabinet members, agency heads, etc. - as listed on the two pages of addresses plus sample ltr. to Dr. Kissinger, all attached. Information copy of invitation ltr. to Gen. Condon of NAB is also attached - he has accepted, but wants to know where he has been scheduled on agenda and we can tell him this when we get confirmation and information re Pres. Ford.

Per your most kind and welcome offer to assist in implementing the President's March 6 Memorandum, by sending letters and/or other communication to recalcitrant/delinquent depts. and agencies to encourage their affirmative action (remedial for short-changing Hispanic communities through under-employment) through participation in our exhibit booth activity, building their visibility, credibility, contacts through our 500-chapter network, etc., your secretary said when I called today that she did not remember having seen the letter I sent you dated July 4.

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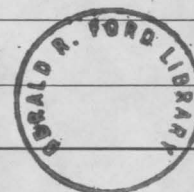
SIGNED Fenn Ellery



Attached is another copy of that July 4 letter, just in case the U.S. Postal Service (at the top of our list!) has let us down, again. I will be happy to relay any message you wish to have delivered, either from you and/or Pres. Ford, to our Calif. Convention, if you wish, since I will be arriving at the Oakland Hilton Inn Wed. evening 7/9, staying the rest of the week, and can be reached there at: (415) 635-5000.
cc: Tony Morales

DATE

SIGNED



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JULY 11, 1975

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ESTIMADO BEN:

PRESIDENT FORD HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS WARMEST GREETINGS
TO THE MANY FINE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM ON THE
OCCASION OF YOUR CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION IN OAKLAND.

WE ALL HAVE BENEFITTED GREATLY FROM YOUR PERSONAL LEADERSHIP
AS CALIFORNIA STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM.

YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN AN ARTICULATE SPOKESMAN FOR THE
SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY IN OUR COUNTRY AND YOU ARE TO BE
COMMEDED ON YOUR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO BRING OUR FELLOW
CITIZENS FULLY INTO THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL MAIN-
STREAM OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE.

PLEASE EXPRESS THE PRESIDENT'S BEST WISHES TO EACH PARTICIPANT
AT THE CONVENTION.

Sincerely

SINCERELY,

FERNANDO E. C. DE BACA
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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APRIL 17, 1975

MR. J. Q. RODRIQUEZ
AMERICAN G. I. FORUM
SALINA, KANSAS

PHONE NUMBER: 913 827-1132

(NO ADDRESS AVAILABLE)

I regret that I will not be able to join you at the Kansas American G.I. Forum State Convention on June 14, 1975. The President has asked me to represent him at a national function in Washington, D. C. on that weekend and to chair a series of meetings here as well.

Please extend my appreciation to the Salinas Chapter and to the Kansas State G. I. Forum organization for the generous invitation to speak at your state convention. Although only in spirit, I will be with you as you celebrate another successful year for the Forum in Kansas.

Best personal regards.

FERNANDO E. C. DE BACA

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT



May 1, 1975

*American
G. I. Forum*

Dear Tony,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous invitation to attend the American G. I. Forum Spanish Speaking Citizen's Seminar and Governor's Banquet to be held in Los Angeles on Friday, May 9, 1975.

While I will not be able to attend either the seminar of the banquet because of meetings at the White House and a Presidential briefing scheduled for that day, I do want to express my appreciation to you for inviting me to participate in as important a function as this. Let me also commend you, Ben Rodriguez and the entire Department of California Forum for your foresight and initiative in putting this event together. You couldn't have picked two greater people to honor than Governors Jerry Apodaca and Raul Castro.

Please convey my regards to Ben, Mario Obledo, Herman Sillas and Ed Morga, and extend my personal greetings to Governors Apodaca and Castro.

With the President's best wishes, I remain

Atentamente,

Fernando E. C. De Baca
Special Assistant to the President

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Bicentennial

Spanish Speaking Citizens' Seminar
and Governors' Banquet

Sponsored by:
American G.I. Forum
Dept. of California

Fernando
Dear Citizen:

The American GI Forum Dept. of California is sponsoring a bicentennial Spanish speaking citizen seminar and banquet. This banquet will be held in honor of two of the countries outstanding citizens; Governor Apodaca of New Mexico and Governor Castro of Arizona. The seminar and banquet will be held in Los Angeles at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Friday May 9. Time will be from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Due to the attitude of much of the political section of this county, regarding the Spanish speaking of this country, the American GI Forum seminar will address itself to areas of political awareness for its Spanish speaking citizen. The problems of unity, voter registration, election of Chicanos to local, state and federal office, the creation of a new area of confidence in the ability to elect those who will serve the total community.

The banquet will begin at 7:30 PM honoring Governors' Apodaca and Castro. We also expect other governors and dignitaries from the state of California, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Chairman for the banquet is Ben Rodriguez, GI Forum State Chairman. Honorary chairmen are Mario Obledo, Director, State Health & Welfare, and Herman Sias, Director, Dept. of Motor Vehicles; Ed Morga, California LULAC State Chairman.

Due to the interest in this historical affair, we urge all Forumeers and friends to send for their banquet tickets early. Registration fee for the seminar will be \$5; banquet tickets are \$25 each. For ticket reservations please call (213) 864-3590.

*Hope you
can make it
if any questions
please call.*

T. Gallegos

Tony E. Gallegos
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Honorary Chairmen:

Ben Rodriguez, Mario Obledo,
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July 6, 1975

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Ford:

It is an obvious and considerable pleasure for the American GI Forum to extend our cordial invitation to you to attend our 1975 National Convention in Cheyenne, Wyoming on August 6-10, as your schedule permits. Specifically, we are also extending this invitation to you to serve as our keynote speaker. The main opportunity will be at our Banquet, on Friday evening, August 8th.

Though the other best opportunity would be at our opening ceremonies Thursday morning, August 7th, we can adjust our schedule at any point during August 6-10 to be consistent with the opportunity to have our President appear and be with our members, in a manner best fitting your preferences and Presidential standards.

This letter re-extends the invitation provided several months ago through our National Chairman, Mr. Antonio G. Morales, in person and while meeting with you. Per a conversation with Mr. Morales today he has re-confirmed our invitation to you and our hope that you can serve as the keynote speaker.

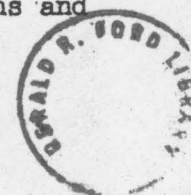
A principal speaker who has recently confirmed our invitation is Gen. John P. Condon, President of the National Alliance of Businessmen. On behalf of Mr. Morales and Mr. Stanley Regensberg, Chairman of our 1975 National Convention, I look forward to confirmation, either directly or through Mr. Fernando E. C. DeBaca.

With confirmation I will be delighted to assist your staff to pin down the specific time involved, and with other arrangements as needed. We are particularly interested in this based on our earlier understanding that you would attend one of the 1975 national Hispanic American conventions. Though both the IMAGE and LULAC conventions have passed we did note with interest your excellent convention address last week in Washington, D.C., and probable Atlanta appearance.

Cheyenne will provide an unique national opportunity to put your personal support firmly behind the affirmative action message stated with clarity and excellence in your March 6 Memorandum.

Cordially,

Fenn Ellery
Fenn Ellery
National Communications and
Development Director



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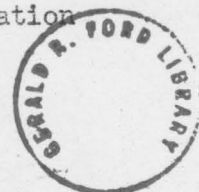
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July 6, 1975

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
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Dear Secretary Kissinger:

Please regard this letter as confirmation of a prior personal invitation, extended through our National Chairman and/or other members of the American GI Forum, for you to attend our 1975 National Convention in Cheyenne, Wyoming during August 6-10.

On behalf of National Chairman Antonio G. Morales and 1975 National Convention Chairman Stanley Regensberg it is an obvious pleasure for me to confirm to you, on this specific and personal basis, the invitation. Activities begin with a full-day workshop on Wednesday, August 6, for Spanish Speaking Program Coordinators sponsored by the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

A full agenda of events continues through each of the next three days. If you will confirm acceptance of the invitation to attend to me I will be delighted to promptly provide additional information and answer such questions as may exist. In addition to the phone on this letterhead, messages can be left at (213) 938-2981, ask for Patrique.

Cordialmente,

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cc: Antonio G. Morales
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Others if appropriate

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Mr. John P. Condon, President
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Dear General Condon:

Based on our conversation last Wednesday at your office in Washington, D.C., I wanted to confirm our invitation to you to serve as a keynote speaker at our 1975 National Convention in Cheyenne, Wyoming during August 6-10.

Since our conversation I have talked with both our National Chairman, Mr. Antonio G. Morales, and with our 1975 National Convention Chairman, Mr. Stanley Regensberg, with full concurrence. And since your schedule was clear for the dates we discussed, and I am attempting rapid confirmation, I assume that we can regard this arrangement as firm.

The letter is being sent during the weekend to pin matters down properly and to provide you with the maximum lead time which is feasible. I plan to phone your office tomorrow, and we can discuss the specific timing and events on August 7 and 8 at that time.

Please allow me to add my personal respect and enjoyment regarding our meeting last Wednesday. Though in some ways the relationship of the American GI Forum and National Alliance of Businessmen is still in a very early stage, I am developing a clearer understanding of the path on which we can work together to accelerate movement toward parity for Hispanic Americans, strengthening America and our systems.

Cordialmente,

L. J. Ellery

Fenn Ellery
National Communications and
Development Director

cc: Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Mr. Bill Nations
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Mr. Fernando E. C. DeBaca
Special Assistant To The President
The White House, OEOB-171
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. DeBaca:

The opportunity to spend an hour with you last Wednesday at your White House Office was very much appreciated. In retrospect I believe that we covered some important agenda items. Through follow-through, it could be an hour well invested toward our mutual goal of action and results which will bring Hispanic Americans to equality within the U.S. Mainstream.

In accord with that meeting I am writing now to be more specific regarding the American GI Forum's request, based on your invitation, for correspondence and communication through your office toward immediate action to sharply decrease the more than \$1 billion annually by which federal organizations short-change Hispanic American communities through SSA under-employment.

Exhibit booths constitute a major opportunity provided by the American GI Forum for employers to exhibit affirmative action, building visibility, credibility, and a "track record" toward involvement with our network of more than 500 chapters. We occasionally get requests from organizations to send them a copy of our mailing list but, due to several reasons, this is ineffective.

Many private and governmental organizations, dozens, have firm commitments to exhibit in Cheyenne. Some have employment balance near or above Hispanic population parity. Others have reached out with true affirmative action, needing no reminder, pressure, etc.

At least 10 have committed for exhibits requiring double-booth space. At least another 2-3 dozen have made firm commitments. (NAACP has 200-300 exhibits and thus, though the GI Forum has pride in the start we have made, it is only that - a start.) Among the dozens who have failed to respond and act re letters of information and invitation in April are the following groups:

A. Most of the key and most obvious holdouts:

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| 1) V.A. | 2) State Department |
| 3) SBA | 4) Dept. of Labor |
| 5) OEO | 6) ACTION |
| 7) TVA | 8) FCC |
| 9) USIA | 10) EPA |
| 11) ERDA | 12) PHS (Dr. Theo. Cooper) in DHEW |
| 13) FAA, in DOT | 14) DSA |



B. The DOD group, specially relevant to veterans:

- 1) No DOD Civilian manpower group has an exhibit
 - a) Navy Civ. - short-changes \$175 million per year.
 - b) Army Civ. - short-changes \$130 million per year.
 - c) USAF Civ. - high and bad gravity ratio.
- 2) Office of DOD Secretary - \$1.2 million short, but symbolically far more important. Recruitment/advertising budget above \$1 billion.
- 3) DCA and DCAA (Communications and Contract Audit), others.
- 4) DSA - alone short-changes \$30 million per year, very unresponsive.

C. Special categories:

- 1) U.S. Postal Service - alone short-changes \$250 million, unresponsive near to arrogant, provides only crumbs and tokens (and tends to play divisive games even with these), needs every element of continuing reminders and pressure, lip service but no visible change under Bailar yet.
- 2) GAO has low SSA employment, bad gravity ratios, appears to ignore President Ford's March 6, 1975 Memorandum, and should exhibit.
- 3) GPO ditto. Though smaller, Architect of the Capitol ditto.
- 4) There is another group - Tax Court, Federal Courts, OMB, Office of the Vice President, Executive Mansion and Grounds, Hispanic Republican Committee, etc. - needing some kind of special attention and action, exhibit.

D. Medium-sized, but clearly relevant or large enough to exhibit:

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| 1) FTC | 2) ICC | 3) Smithsonian |
| 4) SEC | 5) Panama Canal Co. | 6) Soldiers and Airmen's Home |
| 7) FDIC | 8) FPC | 9) Federal Reserve |
| 10) NSF | 11) NLRB | 12) Selective Service |

The exhibit booth is a minimal and tangible evidence of affirmative action, symbolically important far in excess of its cost, with substantial investment value and productivity - if used properly. It provides direct contact and involvement, fitting the affirmative action needs of many organizations with poor Hispanic numbers and high gravity ratios, indicating need to attract professionals through our network of geographic areas.

Except for category C(4), which would involve some kind of combination exhibit(s), virtually all other organizations mentioned each cause an annual loss, leakage, or short-changing to Hispanic American communities in the range from \$1-250 million. The minimum ratio of a loss of \$1 million and up to a cost of \$475 is 2,000 to one, and normally at least 10,000:1. An exhibit booth can be constructed and transported (by the employee manning it) in less than one week. It needs a minimum of photos and charts, materials to hand out, etc. I plan to keep you posted on response and results through action you initiate.

Cordialmente,

L. J. Ellery

Fenn Ellery, National Communications and Development Director

cc: Antonio G. Morales, Stanley Regensberg, others

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March 17, 1975

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FROM: FERNANDO E. C. DE BACA
SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION FOR AMERICAN G. I. FORUM

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Dear Mr. Linder,

Further to my conversation with you this morning regarding the request for consideration of a Presidential Proclamation by Mr. De Baca for the American G. I. Forum Day, here is a memorandum dictated by Mr. De Baca with some additional information which I was able to gather on activities by the group relating to this Day.

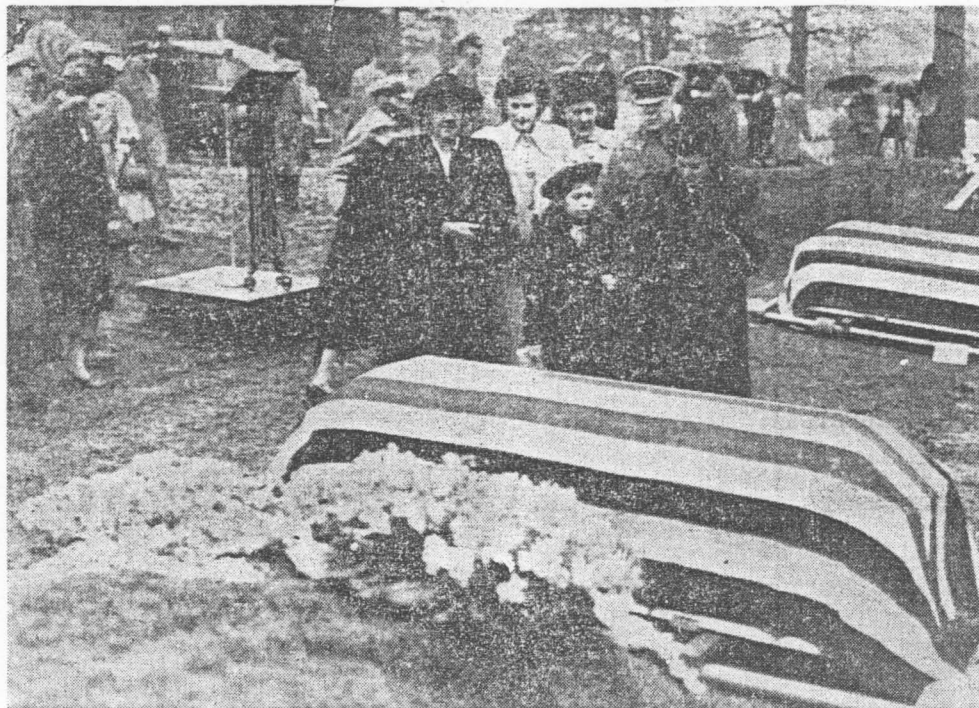
As to the draft of the Proclamation itself, I am not satisfied with the wording and would welcome your comments and advice. And will be pleased to retype it for final submission.

Please let me know what I can do to help get this accomplished. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Dress
Secretary to Mr. De Baca





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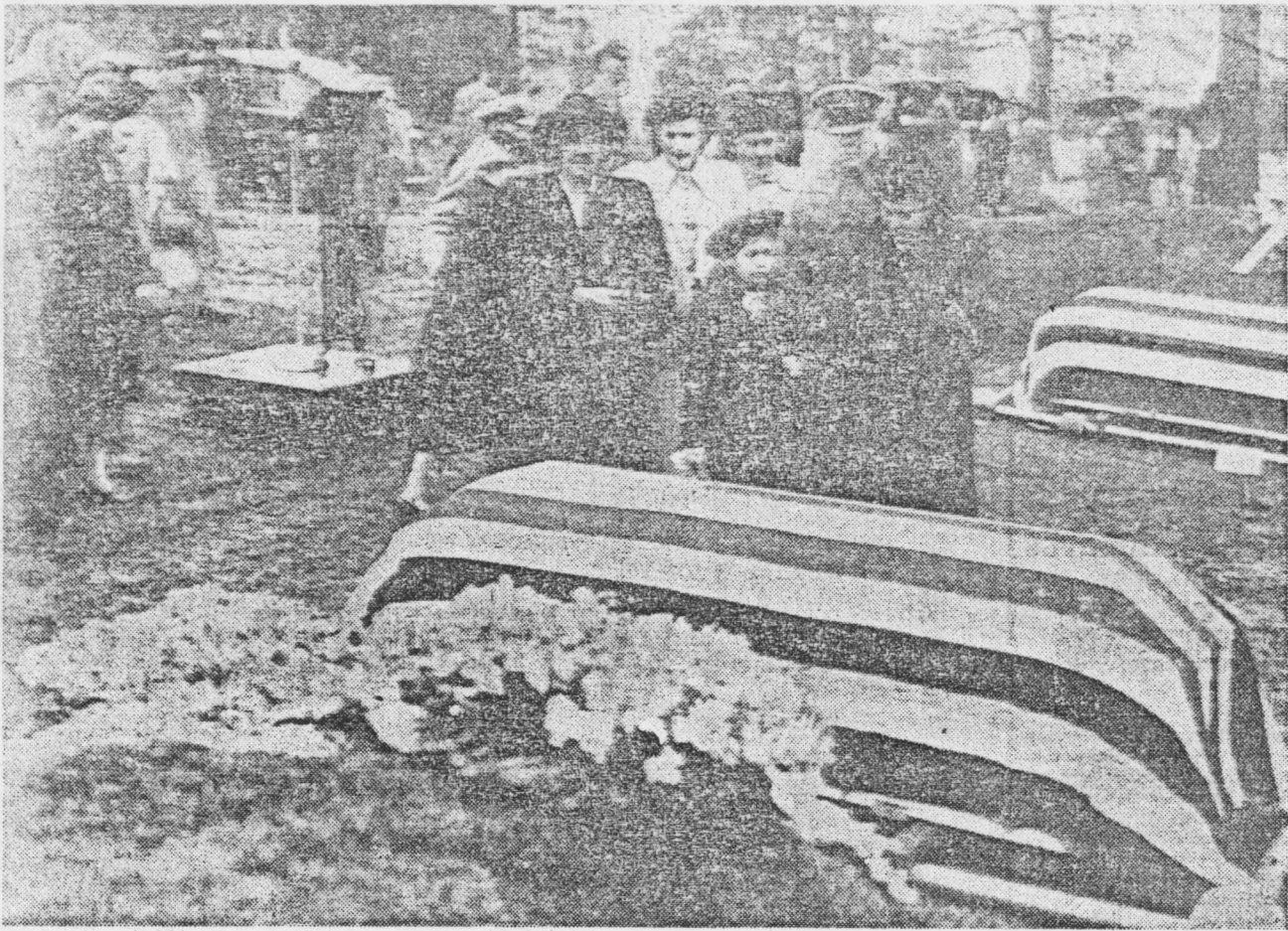
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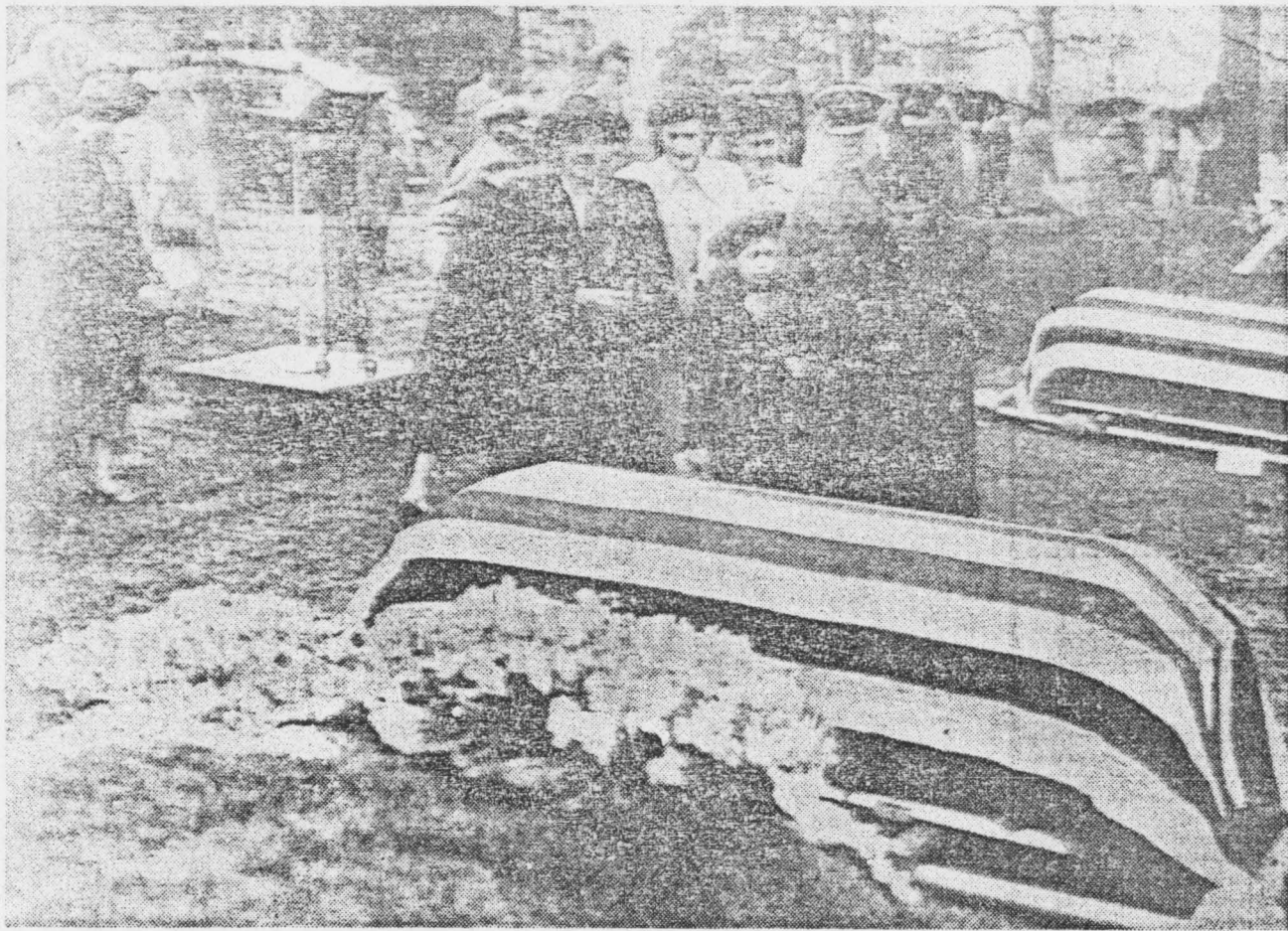
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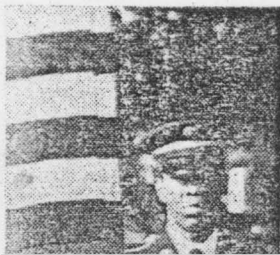
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Mr. Anthony Morales
National Chairman
American G.I. Forum
2417 South Main
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

For nearly three decades the American G.I. Forum has been in the forefront of almost every major national issue affecting Spanish-speaking Americans in this country. Our society has been greatly enriched by the Forum's many worthwhile activities. In this spirit, I am very pleased to focus public attention on the observance of American G.I. Forum Day.

Founded on March 26, 1948, by a group of patriotic veterans of Hispanic origin under the leadership of Dr. Hector Garcia, the American G.I. Forum has remained true to its objectives of developing leadership, advancing multi-ethnic understanding and keeping alive the principles of democracy and justice on which our nation was founded.

As a national voice for all Americans of Hispanic descent, it has sought to correct discriminatory practices, to encourage quality education and to promote many worthwhile youth activities. It has built a reputation for constructive civic action that has won for its members the respect and cooperation of both our country's public and private sectors.

It deserves a special day of tribute to its accomplishments.

GERALD R. FORD

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cc: D. E. Downton/R. Nessen/F. DeBaca/B. Linder/S. Scott/P. Theis/E. Hasek/cf

EVENT: MARCH 24, 1975

Requested by Mr. DeBaca.



File
October 24, 1974

Dear Mr. Morales:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your strong support for Irene Esparza Portillo for service at a high governmental level in the Ford Administration.

You will be pleased to know that I have forwarded her biographical data, along with your good recommendation and mine, to the appropriate persons. Be assured that she will be given the most serious consideration should a suitable position be available.

We appreciate your taking the time to communicate your interest to us.

Sincerely,

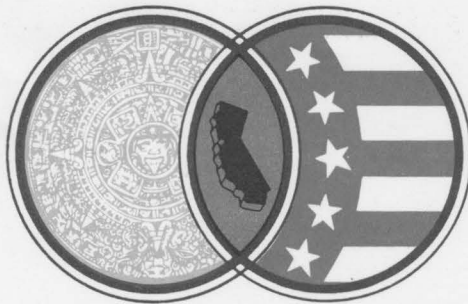
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Counsellor to the President

Mr. Dionicio Morales
Executive Director
Mexican American Opportunity Foundation
2834 Whittier Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90023

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AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION

2834 WHITTIER BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90023 - PHONE: 268-1941

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October 8, 1974

Anne Armstrong
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

It has come to our attention that at this time you are heading a program of recruitment of women for service at high governmental levels.

The Mexican American Opportunity Foundation is offering the name of Irene Esparza Portillo for your consideration. She is the highest ranking Mexican American woman in the Department of Employment Development (State of California employment service from which she is on leave to serve as a consultant to Rio Hondo College).

A review of Mrs. Portillo's qualifications will show that she has extensive policy making and community relations experience.

Both through her employment and as a volunteer Mrs. Portillo has contributed significantly to efforts of solution for those problems affecting minorities and women and was recently honored by the Los Angeles City Council for these contributions.

We are proud to support Irene Esparza Portillo for high level government service. We are confident that she can serve ably.

Very truly yours,

Dionicio Morales
Dionicio Morales
Executive Director

DM/yc



Irene E. Portillo
4830 Farquhar Street
Los Angeles, CA 90032
Home Phone # (213) 227-1194
Business Phone
L.A. # 723-4626
692-0921
ext. 245

Birth Date: November 25, 1939
Married: 2 children
Height: 5'2"
Weight: 130
Health: Excellent
Place of
Birth: Los Angeles, Calif.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

12 years experience in manpower development and administration. Have personal knowledge, supported by education and employment history, of socio-economic issues in the minority communities.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Jan. 2, 1974 to present

Rio Hondo Community College
Whittier, California

CONSULTANT AND COORDINATOR
VOCATIONAL AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Assist the Director of Cooperative, Vocational Education in providing Inservice education training for Instructors and Coordinators to enable the college to expand its programs; (2) Responsibility for expanding, developing, and updating the placement activities to better meet the needs of the students. (3) Establish for the college a committee of women who have gained prominence in their careers to determine the needs and job entry hurdles women confront. (4) Contact employers negotiate and develop job openings; monitor students at their job sites and complete Federal Reports and contracts. (5) Serve as community liaison and Public Relations contact in meetings with the representatives of labor and government. (6) Counsel with students and help these students meet their expressed need through guidance and employment. (7) Developed follow-up study and report to determine the success of the program efforts. (8) Instruct a Career Guidance class.

Sept. 1973 to Jan. 1, 1974

Duarte Office, Department of Human Resources Development. Combined office U.I. & E.S.

ASSISTANT MANAGER

Responsibility for operations: Employment and unemployment services. Win Unit-Welfare and Glendora Satellite.



July 1, 1972 to Aug. 1973

MANAGER

Whittier Office, Department of Human Resources Development.

Complete management responsibility for all staff, plan of service and operations of Whittier area employment service office and Pico Rivera Satellite.

Jan. 1972 to June 1972

California State Department of Human Resources Development (HRD) - East Los Angeles Service Center. Los Angeles, California.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR III

Functioned as an assistant to the Service Center Manager and held direct responsibility for the following functions. Operations of five components in manpower related activities. (1) Coordinated joint activities with Community Manpower Agency (CMA) assigned through cooperative HRD/CMA JOBS Now Progress. (2) Directed supervisory staff of JOB Development unit for on-the-job-training in support program maintained by HRD. (3) Responsible for supervision and direction of intake and completion unit which conducts reception and initial interview of all clients to Service Center Employment Section. (4) Directed Manpower Training Development Act (MDTA) program activities for all training slots for the following HRD offices: Los Angeles, Pasadena, Whittier, Hollywood, West Covina, Norwalk, and the ELA Service Center. In this activity, coordinated referrals to the Skill Center, responsible for direction of screening and testing activities, and for contracts to private schools to conduct training. (5) Responsible for the operations of HRD Service Center outreach (neighborhood satellite) offices providing intake, completion, and job placement services. Direct supervision of 35 units.

Oct. 1971 to Jan 1972

MANAGER

California State Department of Human Resources Development (HRD) - East Los Angeles Skill Center, Los Angeles, California

Supervised staff of Skill Center. Directed counseling, placement, out-reach, indirect and clerical services activities. Coordinated staff with those of Los Angeles City Schools other HRD staffs and supportive service agencies. Attended manpower and other related agencies. Prepared annual plan of service responsible for all reporting activities. Conduct public relations activities for Skill Center.



1970 - 1971

JOB AGENT, JOB AGENT SUPER-
VISOR, NEW CAREERS AND PUBLIC
SERVICE CAREERS COORDINATOR

California State Department of Human Resources
Development (HRD) - East Los Angeles Service
Center. Los Angeles, California.

As Job Agent, responsible for a case load of approximately 60 poverty level, hard core, unemployed clients. Arranged for supportive services: Financial, medical, and legal counseling, job placement, and follow-up. Supervised job agent and clerical worker. As Job Agent Supervisor, responsible for a case load and direct supervision of 5 job agents including training, direction, and evaluation. Responsible for public relations regarding job agent activities and reclassification. Also supervised unit of 10 clerical trainees. As Public Service Careers (PSC) Coordinator, coordinated all PSC and New Careers training openings for six HRD offices in the specified target area. Supervised 3 staff members. Responsible for management of PSC case monies and Job Development within State Agencies.

1969 - 1970

JOB DEVELOPER

Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF)
Los Angeles, California. (Private non-profit
corporation operating manpower training programs).

Contacted employer; negotiated and developed job openings, wrote contracts, supervised placement of trainees, monitored training monthly. Responsible for reporting on federal forms, and registering trainees within Department of Human Resources Development. Served as community liason and public relations and in meetings with representatives of government.

1964 - 1969

TESTING COORDINATOR/ADMINIS-
TRATOR, NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH
CORPS (NYC) REPRESENTATIVE,
JOB DEVELOPER/PROPOSAL WRITER

United Community Efforts Youth Training and
Employment Program, Los Angeles, California
(Private non-profit corporation operating
manpower training programs for youth and
young adults).

As testing Coordinator/Administrator, supervised 2 staff members, coordinated all testing, reviewed and evaluated test results, forwarded statistics to the Department of Labor. As Neighborhood Youth Corps Representative, supervised 3 staff members, was responsible for case load of 55 youths, providing supportive service, legal problems counseling. Responsible for correct time records for 200 clients. As Job Developer/Proposal writer, worked for Manpower Development unit developing MA-4 and MA-5 National Alliance of Businessmen - Department of Labor programs.



1962 - 1964

SENIOR ASSISTANT FOR SALES
PLANNING AND CONTROL

EDUCATION - CREDENTIALS

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATES

Contacted private industry, negotiated participation, and wrote proposals for submission to the Department of Labor.

Union Bank, Los Angeles, California

Responsible for statistical reports on new accounts opened at all branches of the bank. Assisted Operations Officer and supervised clerical staff.

Vocational Education Credential - California Community Colleges

Present:

California State University Los Angeles -
Urban Studies Major (Part Time) BA Degree
in progress

Pasadena City College - Urban Studies UCLA
Urban Institute Consultant

East Los Angeles College - Social Science AA

Chapman College - Department of Human Resources
Development
Vocational Guidance and
Counseling (INSERVICE)

Certificates of Completion -
California State University Sacramento
Management Training Series: (INSERVICE)
Department of Employment Development
Training for Job Agent
New Careers and Community Development

Psychiatric Guidance and Counseling Training
received through Indiana Medical Health Clinic,
Los Angeles County Health Department.

Union Bank Business Training Course

*Advisory Committee member, Department of
Human Resources Development, East Los Angeles.
State Service Center; *Co-Chairman and Founder,
Mexican American Affirmative Action Committee,
three years service; Exec. Secretary Mexican
American Manpower Development Association for
the State of California; Member, Advisory
Committee for Affirmative Action, Manpower
and Employment, News Media ABC, Channel 7;
Advisory Board Member, East Los Angeles College.
Member Town Hall of California; Member, Comision
Femenil Mexicana; Advisory Board Member National
Conference of Christian and Jews; Board member
Mexican American Opportunity Foundation; Advisory



*No longer current affiliation

HONORS

1974

Board member East Los Angeles Skill Center.
Member of Hispanic Woman's Council of LA Inc.
Advisor to Los Angeles City Rapid Transit Board.

Chicano Faculty Association Rio Hondo College,
La Raza Faculty Association of the California
Community Colleges, Plaza De La Raza (Lincoln
Heights) Los Angeles, California. Member
American G.I. Forum (East Los Angeles).

1973

Honored by L.A. City Council for Community
Leadership and Involvement.

Honored by the Department of Rehabilitation
for excellence of service rendered.

1970

Selected as one of six outstanding Mexican
American Women of the Year; Selected for
the field of Community Development and
Community Relations with emphasis on Manpower
Education Programs.

1968

Selected by the Los Angeles City Human Relations
Commission for outstanding services and contri-
butions in the field of human relations and
community service, particularly in dealing
with the hard core unemployed and underemployed.

1958

Selected Outstanding Woman of the Year of
Associated Students of the East Los Angeles
College.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Chairman Mexican American Woman of the Year
Banquet, 1973, 74.

Appeared on various television programs to
discuss the Mexican American Woman's role
in contemporary society. Also have appeared
on various other programs addressing the
accomplished problems and needs of the
Mexican American woman, and women in general.

Serve as resource consultant to L.A. City and
State of California - EDD and lecture on College
and University levels regarding manpower
educational training in the Mexican American
and other ethnic minority communities including
the role of the woman in today's changing society.

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BELVEDERE CITIZEN
Thursday, March 7, 1974



IRENE PORTILLO

Irene Portillo

Joins college staff as job consultant

Irene Portillo, manager of the Whittier Office of the Department of Human Resources Development

Irene Portillo . . .

(Continued on Page 2)

plans to establish a committee of successful women in the community who will aid in developing needed programs and services.

Mrs. Porillo is a graduate of East Los Angeles College and has attended Pasadena City College, Chapman College and California State University, Los Angeles.

Since 1970 she has held a number of supervisory positions with HRD. She also has worked as a job developer for the Mexican Community



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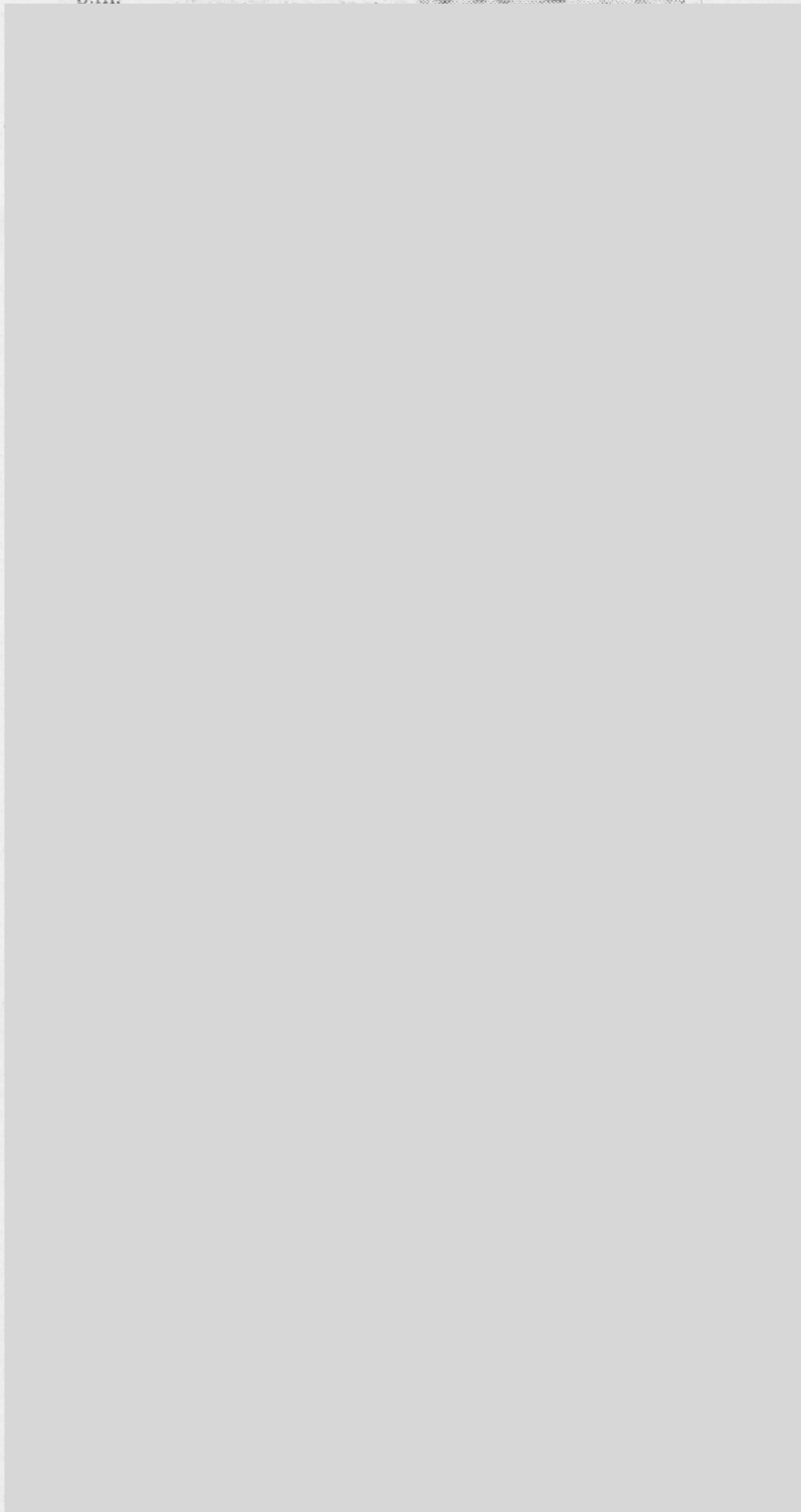
The Los Angeles City Council, in a resolution presented by City Councilman Arthur Snyder, has recognized Irene Esparza Portillo for her contribution toward a better community.

The resolution points out that, "she has been involved in various educational programs which have contributed toward a better community."

Banquet Monday

Honor Mexican-American women, present 7 awards

Seven outstanding Mexican-American women will be honored at the 4th Annual Mexican-American Women of the Year Awards Banquet to be held at La Fonda de Los Camperos Restaurant, March 25, at 6 p.m.



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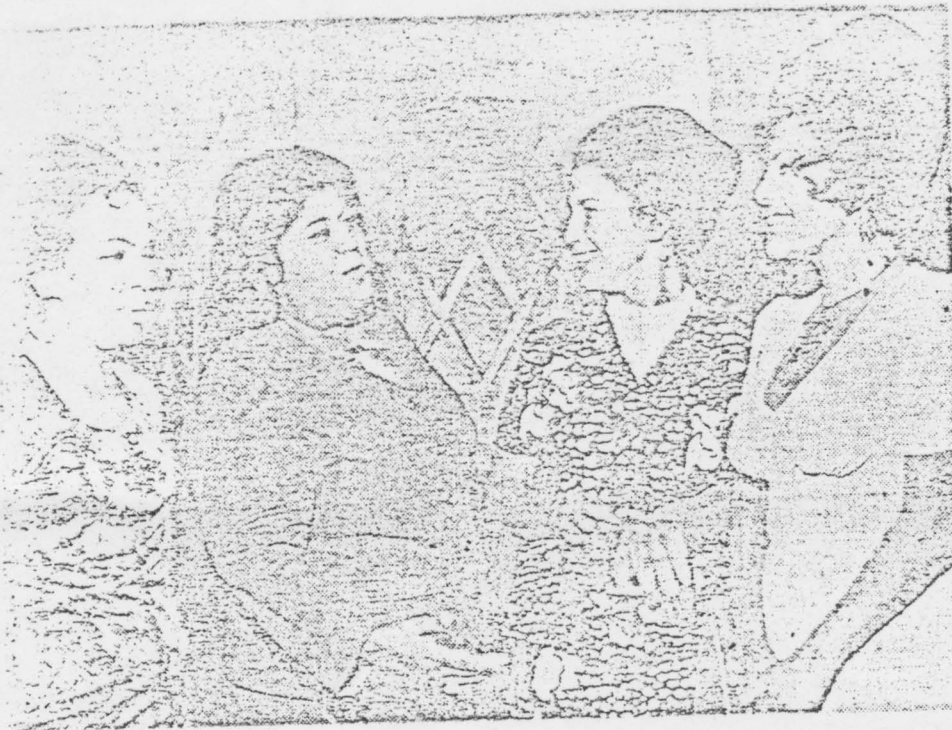
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1972

NEW HEAD OF HRD OFFICE

'Fair Play' in Job Her Goal

An El Sereno woman who has dedicated her professional life to finding employment for minority workers says she hopes to bring a "sense





HONORED — Mexican-American women saluted for their leadership include, from left, Alicia Escalante, Irene Tovar, Romana A. Banuelos and Irene Portillo.
Times photo

Seven Saluted for Service to Mexican-American Community

BY JEAN MURPHY

Times Staff Writer

For "courage in the face of power, for gallantry in action . . . in a cold war with a society that is aggressive, hostile and implacable," seven Mexican-

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Hispanic Heads HRD in Whittier

Irene Portillo, 32, who joined the Department of Human Resources Development two years ago, has become the first Mexican-American woman to head



HRD Office Headed by Mrs. Portillo

Irene Portillo, 32, joined the federal Department of Human Resources Development two years ago and today became the first Mexican-American woman to lead an HRD office.

Mrs. Portillo, of El Sereno, assumed the position of manager of the Whittier HRD office. She succeeded Dorothy Goodridge, who is moving to the Long Beach office.

She explained her quick rise



Seven Mexican-American women honored for community service



Seven Mexican-American women were honored at a recent testimonial dinner for community leadership ranging from business to welfare services.

Honorees were Ramona A. Banuelos, Grace Montanoz Davis, Alicia Escalante, Beatrice author, educator and pioneer farm labor leader.

Michael's restaurant in the City of Commerce.

SELECTION

The honored ladies were selected by a committee comprised of representatives from

rector of the Mexican - American Opportunity Foundation Gen V. Rocha, board president of MAOF, delivered the welcoming address. Master of ceremonies was Danny Villanueva KMEM station manager.

In a brief talk concluding the program Dr. Julian Nava, president of the L.A. City Board of Education, said, "Women are always been a prime in the shaping of the

alarza echoed the same when he said, "We need more women like



BELVEDERE CITIZEN-3, EASTSIDE JOURNAL-3
Thursday, February 4, 1971

Co-op on the Move

Wilberforce University near Dayton, Ohio is joining the ranks of many four year institutions who are initiating Cooperative Education program.

Interu From Hawaii

An advanced graduate student at UCLA, Mr. S. Lynn Fukuda has been accepted at Rio Hondo College to work with Mr. Muraski in Cooperative Education.

Co-op Consultant Hired

Ms. Irene Portillo has accepted a position at Rio Hondo College as a consultant for Cooperative Education.

Her responsibilities will include

sing the accomplishments, problems, and needs of the Mexican American community, Mexican American women, and women in general

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Director of Co-op Ed. authors book by Ted Snyder



Author-Director-Ed Muraski

Ed Muraski, Director of the Cooperative Education Program at Rio Hondo College, is the author of a new book entitled, "Corner Your Career." The recently released publication is designed to help high school and community college students to choose a career path. The book is available for purchase at Rio Hondo College. The recently released publication is designed to help high school and community college students to choose a career path. The book is available for purchase at Rio Hondo College.

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Policy For Hiring Of Women, Minorities, Disabled Adopted By Rio Hondo Trustees

An affirmative action employment policy was approved Wednesday night by the Rio Hondo College board a month after action on the policy had been tabled by the board.

Community

force of college staff explore possible programs the college could offer to meet women's needs.

Garcia said the college has applied for an \$11,200 state





EL ANIMADOR Johnny Grant está más alegre que de costumbre, rodeado de un ramillete de belleza compitiendo por el título de "Señorita Club de Prensa" de Los Angeles. En el orden de costumbre vemos a las concursantes: Raquel Padilla, Susanne Leach, Melissa Spiegel, Karen Michelle Langford, Vangel Creech, Jeanie Gambrell, Jung Sung Shin, Kathy Thiere, Sharon Lynn Woods, Linda Marie Vallega, Regina Skorzanka, Brenda Renay y Jackie Bemis.

vera, con su Sexteto Caribeño, participó también, en ese acontecimiento. El conocido Rev. Linán Ruiz, puertorriqueño residente en San Francisco, hizo la invocación oficial. El Sr. David Santiago,

no. En él se hace una pequeña historia de los trabajos realizados por la recipiente, que ha trabajado en distintos campos, entre otros como instructora de educación en el Colegio de Río



EL CLUB FEMENIL de Maravilla, representado



Rincón del Director

EL PODER corrompe, se nos ha dicho repetidamente, creencia que hizo posible no solo que se produjese Watergate, sino que se sucedieran los meses, antes de que llegase el escándalo a una solución que, como todas las de nuestro presente pragmático, es de "oportunidad", no de profundidad; de raíz.

Tan convencidos están los ciudadanos que es el poder el

más rotundo a esa falsa concepción dictatorial, que estipula que un hombre, o un reducido grupo de éstos, es lo único capaz de garantizar el bienestar.

Con todas sus horribles consecuencias, la más peligrosa que representa el escándalo de Watergate, y la actitud negativa de Nixon, es que la decepción aumente la apatía ciudadana y se acepte como seguro que la democracia no

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Nuestra Portada

CUBA, con todo el dolor de su amargo presente, es presentada a nuestros lectores en la síntesis debida al lápiz del caricaturista exiliado, Idilio, quien ha sa-

consolidación de mercados para las películas mexicanas, y su presencia en Los Angeles tuvo un especial significado. Abajo, a la izquierda, vemos al nuevo



my letter

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JULY 11, 1975

MR. ANTONIO MORALES
TEXAS STATE CHAIRMAN
AMERICAN G. I. FORUM
DEL RIO INN
DEL RIO, TEXAS 78840

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ESTIMADO ANTONIO:

PRESIDENT FORD HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS WARMEST GREETINGS
TO THE MANY FINE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM ON THE
OCCASION OF YOUR TEXAS STATE CONVENTION IN DEL RIO.

OUR NATION HAS GREATLY BENEFITTED FROM YOUR PERSONAL LEADERSHIP
AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN AND AS TEXAS STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE
AMERICAN G. I. FORUM. YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN AN ARTICULATE
SPOKESMAN FOR THE SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY IN OUR COUNTRY AND
YOU ARE TO BE COMMENDED ON YOUR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO BRING
OUR FELLOW CITIZENS FULLY INTO THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL
MAINSTREAM OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE.

PLEASE EXPRESS THE PRESIDENT'S BEST WISHES TO EACH PARTICIPANT
AT THE CONVENTION.

SINCERELY,

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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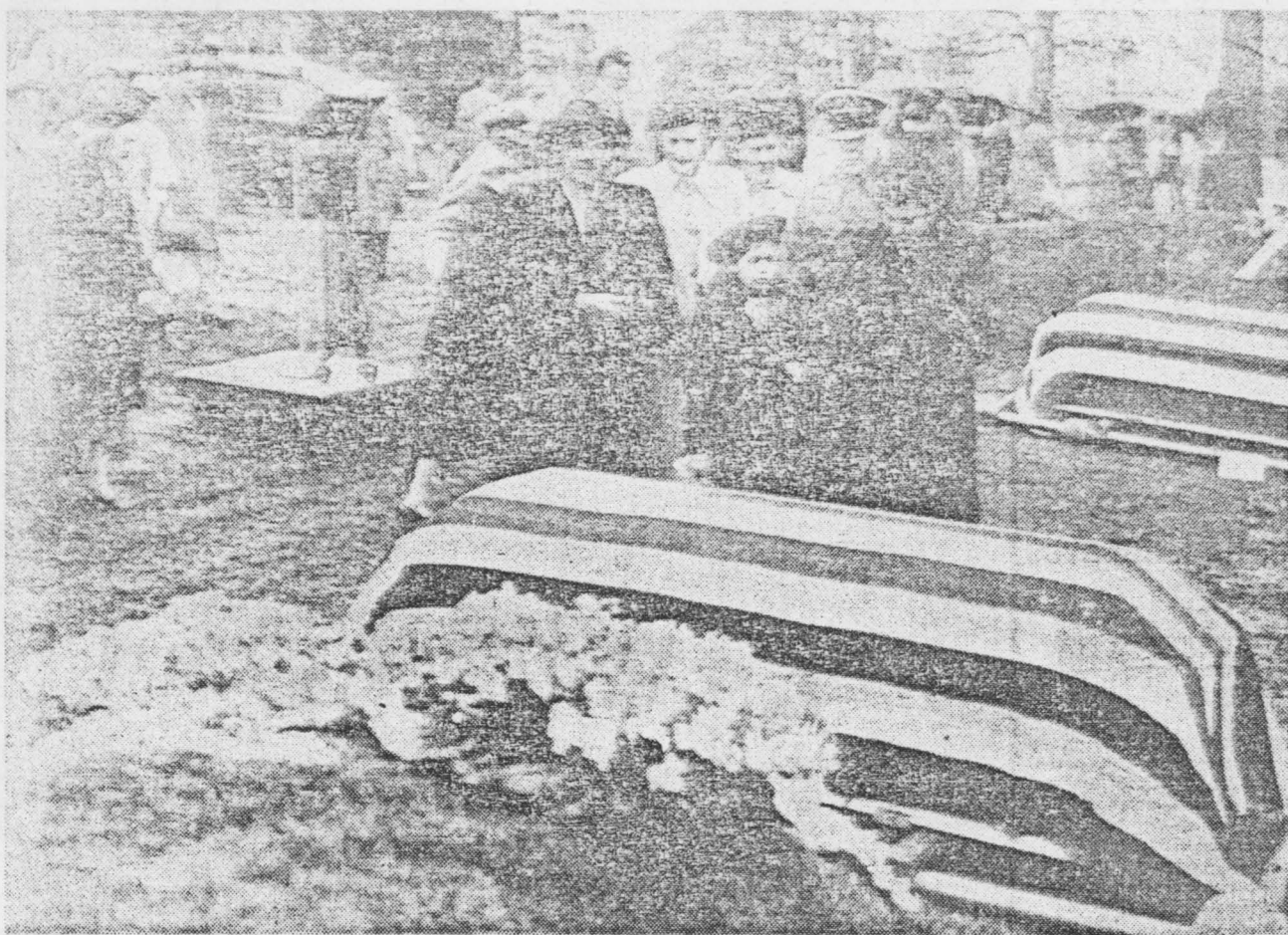
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The family of Pvt. Felix Longoria stands before his casket at his 1949 burial in Arlington National Cemetery.



Tribute to Pvt. Longoria

Spanish-Speaking Veterans Honor Fallen Comrade

By Elizabeth Becker
Washington Post Staff Writer

When U.S. Army Pvt. Felix Longoria was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on a cold, rainy day in 1949, only his family, a representative of President Truman and some Texas Congressmen attended the cere-

but I hope we are not lulled into complacency."

When Pvt. Longoria fought with the Americal Division in the Philippines, not one officer was of Hispanic origin, although the 22,000-man division was 40 per cent Spanish-speaking, according to An-

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