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United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Salutes Justice Sonia Sotomayor

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 /PRNewswire-HISPANIC PR WIRE/ -- The United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC), along with several leading national Hispanic organizations, co-hosted the Friends of Justice Sonia Sotomayor reception in October to honor the newly-appointed Supreme Court Justice. The USHCC was pleased to celebrate the nation's first Hispanic and only its third female justice at one of only two confirmation celebration events held.

"Justice Sotomayor represents the very best that America has to offer. She's the manifestation of grace, dedication, integrity and intellect" said Elizabeth Vasquez Gallagher, USHCC Vice Chair and Chair of Latina Services. "It is precisely with the achievements of Justice Sotomayor in mind, that our commitment to the Latina Leadership Initiative remains as relevant as ever" emphasized Gallagher. "She provides a role model in the best possible sense of the term for young Hispanic women."

The USHCC has recently launched the Latina Leadership Initiative - a comprehensive program that provides current and aspiring Latina business owners with access to the tools, resources and information necessary to establish themselves in a competitive business environment. "When you consider that approximately 35% of Hispanic businesses are owned by women, you really begin to grasp the scope of our endeavors" concluded Gallagher.

Latinas are at the leading edge of entrepreneurship, business growth & job creation, with close to three quarters of a million Hispanic, women-owned businesses in the U.S. generating more than \$50 Billion in sales annually. Over the last decade, the number of Latina-owned businesses increased by at least 64%.

Chairman David C. Lizarraga in his toast to Sotomayor said: "You are the fulfillment of the hopes and dreams of so many who have come before us, and today Americans of every color and background can draw inspiration from your uniquely American story."

About the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Founded in 1979, the USHCC actively promotes the economic growth and development of Hispanic entrepreneurs and represents the interests of nearly 3 million Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States that generate nearly \$400 billion annually. It also serves as the umbrella organization for more than 200 local Hispanic chambers in the United States and Puerto Rico.

About Hispanics Today

Hispanics Today is an English-language television show that highlights the largest and fastest growing segment of the U.S. population - the Latino market - and their impact on American business, politics, and culture. The show reaches 84% of Hispanic television viewers in 165 markets.



About USHCC Foundation

The USHCC Foundation is committed to giving Hispanics alternatives for life preparation and life-long learning by developing and implementing initiatives and educational campaigns to awaken and nurture their entrepreneurial spirit. The Foundation leverages corporate and public support to ensure that existing and aspiring Hispanic entrepreneurs gain access and achieve success in the world of business.

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