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The Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Bestowed on Dolores Huerta and Charles Garcia

San Antonio, TX--(HISPANIC PR WIRE)--December 19, 2006--The San Antonio College Public Administration Club (SACPAC) honored Dolores Huerta with the Henry B. Gonzalez Lifetime Achievement Award and Charles Garcia with the Henry B. Gonzalez Public Service and Integrity Award.

The Henry B. Gonzalez Lifetime Achievement Award was bestowed on Ms. Dolores Huerta one of the most powerful and respected labor movement leaders in the country. In 1955, Huerta co-founded the Sacramento chapter of the Community Service Organization, and in 1960 co-founded the Agricultural Workers Association. Huerta then co-founded the United Farm Workers with Cesar Chavez in 1962. While raising her 11 children she negotiated contracts with growers, lobbied Congress, organized strikes and boycotts, and spearheaded farm worker political activities that successfully led to unemployment insurance, collective bargaining rights, and immigration rights for migrant farmers. "I am honored to be associated with the late Congressman Henry Gonzalez who left a legacy of championing rights for all persons, especially Latinos," said Huerta.

"The first recipient of the Henry B. Gonzalez Public Service and Integrity Award was former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalyn," said SACPAC President Homar Arceo. "This year we honor Charles P. Garcia and his wife Cristina for their exemplary leadership promoting diversity and excellence in education for Latino children."

Garcia is a highly decorated military officer, a Columbia Law School graduate, a former White House Fellow, and best-selling author. Under his leadership, the Sterling Hispanic Capital Markets Group, a division of vFinance, Inc., is dedicated to providing Latino entrepreneurs with much needed access to growth capital and other investment banking services. He was named by Hispanic magazine as a "2004 Entrepreneur of the Year" for leading one of the fastest growing businesses in the nation. Univision Network chose him for their series "Orgullo Hispano" (Hispanic Pride) for his tireless efforts to provide access to a quality education for Latino children. He serves on the President's Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans; served two terms as the only Latino on Florida's State Board of Education; and serves as the Chairman of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Winn Dixie Stores.

"Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez's thirty-seven years of public service embodied the ultimate example of service and integrity to the nation and he would be proud of the principled leadership of everyone being honored here today," said Garcia.

The San Antonio College Public Administration Club-Community Service Award was bestowed on Mr. Red McCombs and his wife Charline for their steadfast commitment to community service. Red is the founder of the Red McCombs Automotive Group, a co-founder of Clear Channel Communications, a former owner of the San Antonio Spurs, Denver Nuggets, and the Minnesota Vikings, and the namesake of the McCombs School of



Business at the University of Texas at Austin.

The Awards Ceremony that also recognized public servant and local artist Venus Prado for the Outstanding Community Partner Award, as well as SAC public administration graduate Cindy Segovia, who currently works for the Bexar County as the administrative coordinator for Judge Nelson Wolff. Additionally, three 3rd grade students from Travis Elementary received the Henry B. Gonzalez Public Service Scholarship Award to attend San Antonio College when they graduate from high school. (Valeria Cruz, Isaac Gutierrez, Raven Arias)

The San Antonio College Public Administration Club (SACPAC) is a student-run organization that since 1993 has raised tens of thousands of dollars for community service projects, assisted over 2,000 children, and contributed over 14,000 community service hours to the San Antonio area. SACPAC has also raised enough money to free 10 children that are slaves in the Southern Sudan, assisted in building a Habitat for Humanity home, and awarded numerous scholarships to deserving young people. Its goal is to expose children to college and make life a little brighter with hope for a better life, especially for Hispanic students. SACPAC recognizes leaders for their community service and honors their contributions. In August 2001 a scholarship program to honor the memory of the late Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez was established. His son, Congressman Charlie Gonzalez follows in his late father's footsteps and the Gonzalez family graciously accepted our request to name the award after the beloved Henry B. Gonzalez.

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