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NALEO Mourns Loss of American Hero and Dedicated Statesman U.S. Senator John McCain

A true champion of bipartisan cooperation, Senator McCain was honored with the 2014 NALEO Edward R. Roybal Award for Outstanding Public Service and the 2018 NALEO President's Award for his legislative efforts to fix our nation's broken immigration system

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) released a statement from Chief Executive Officer Arturo Vargas regarding the passing of U.S. Senator John McCain:

"The entire NALEO family joins the nation in mourning the passing of U.S. Senator John McCain, a true American hero and dedicated statesman who throughout his tenured career always put his love for country first.

"As a bold, courageous and dedicated leader, with more than six decades of distinguished public service in the Navy and U.S. Congress, U.S. Senator McCain has been a true champion of the Latino community, and of all Americans.

"He was born on Aug. 29, 1936 in the Panama Canal Zone as John Sidney McCain III. The son and grandson of Navy admirals and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he served in the U.S. Navy until 1981, when he retired with the rank of captain. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona in 1982 and to the U.S. Senate in 1986.

"U.S. Senator McCain leaves behind a lasting legacy in Congress, a true champion of bipartisan cooperation, he worked continuously over the years to unite American families, strengthen borders and recognize the significant contributions immigrants make to our country each and every day.

"He upheld the values of this great nation by working to include a path to citizenship and robust integration support for the millions of immigrants living in the shadows. For these efforts, U.S. Senator McCain was presented with both the 2014 NALEO Edward R. Roybal Award for Outstanding Public Service and the 2018 NALEO President's Award.

"NALEO will always be incredibly grateful for U.S. Senator McCain's unwavering service and commitment to the people of the United States. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Cindy, children, and mother Roberta. Our hearts and thoughts are also with all of his extended family, friends and colleagues at this difficult time."

To view the 2018 NALEO President's Award tribute video to U.S. Senator McCain, click [here](#).

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About NALEO

The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the non-partisan leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,600 Latino elected and appointed officials.