



NALEO NEWS

National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials

For Immediate Release

November 19, 2015

Contact: Paula Valle Castanon, pvalle@naleo.org
(213) 747-7606 ext. 4414, (323) 253-6431 (cell)

Amanda Bosquez, abosquez@naleo.org
(202) 546-2536, ext. 112, (361) 548-6989 (cell)

NALEO to Present U.S. Secretary Henry Cisneros with 2016 Edward R. Roybal Award for Outstanding Public Service

Cisneros will be honored for his work at a San Antonio reception on November 20, 2015 and the NALEO Edward R. Roybal Legacy Gala on March 15, 2016 in Washington D.C.

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) announced today that U.S. Secretary Henry Cisneros will be presented with the 2016 Edward R. Roybal Award for Outstanding Public Service. Secretary Cisneros will be honored at a reception in San Antonio, Texas on November 20, 2015 and the organization’s annual *NALEO Edward R. Roybal Legacy Gala* in Washington, D.C. on March 15, 2016.

The Edward R. Roybal Award for Outstanding Public Service is presented annually to individuals who have distinguished themselves as devoted public servants to the nation and the Latino community. The award pays tribute to the organization’s founder and President Emeritus, the late Congressman Edward R. Roybal.

NALEO’s 2016 awardee, Secretary Henry Cisneros, receives this prestigious honor as the organization prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary. One of the original members of NALEO, Cisneros has paved the way for future Latinos leaders and demonstrated extraordinary leadership in his efforts to increase opportunities for Latinos in Texas and nationwide. In his role as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, he was credited with initiating the revitalization of many of the nation’s public housing developments and with formulating policies which contributed to achieving the nation’s highest ever homeownership rate.

“Secretary Cisneros’ efforts to improve the quality of life for the Latino community, through his work as a public servant and businessman, exemplify NALEO’s mission and the legacy of the late Congressman Roybal,” said Michele Martinez, NALEO President and City of Santa Ana Councilmember. “NALEO is pleased to celebrate our organization’s 40th anniversary by honoring a distinguished Latino public servant who has played a critical role in the organization’s history and whose work on behalf of the American people upholds the values of our great nation.”

Prior to his Cabinet position, Secretary Cisneros served four terms as one of the first Latino mayors of a major U.S. city in his hometown of San Antonio. He was first elected to a two-year

term in 1981. As mayor, Secretary Cisneros worked to rebuild the city's economic base, recruited convention business, attracted high tech industries, increased the level of tourism, and worked to bring more jobs to San Antonio. Before his tenure as mayor, Secretary Cisneros was elected to three two-year terms on the city council, on which he served from 1975 to 1981.

Secretary Cisneros served as an infantry officer in the United States Army. He holds his Bachelor of Arts and a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Texas A&M University and was awarded a second Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. He studied Urban Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and holds a Doctorate in Public Administration from George Washington University.

NALEO is pleased to recognize the generous support of Force Multiplier Solutions, Inc., which will serve as the Chair of the 2016 *NALEO Edward R. Roybal Legacy Gala*.

Additional Details:

NALEO Reception Honoring U.S. Secretary Henry Cisneros

Friday, November 20, 2015

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Hotel Contessa

306 W Market Street

San Antonio, TX, 78205

This event is open to media. Advance registration is required. To register, please contact Paula Valle Castanon at pvalle@naleo.org or Amanda Bosquez at abosquez@naleo.org.

###

About NALEO

The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,000 Latino elected and appointed officials.