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Ossoff and Warnock join as GHCC names 50 Most Influential Latinos for 2022 Atlanta, GA - The Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GHCC) has announced its latest list of the "50 Most Influential Latinos in Georgia." "Our awards recognition is a celebration of our community's impact and contribution to our great state," said Veronica Maldonado-Torres, GHCC President and CEO. "It serves as a reminder on how each of us has the potential to change the narrative and leave a legacy for those that follow. "

The evening was emceed by 11 Alive News journalist, Paola Turo and attended by most of the Georgia English and Spanish speaking media and it even prompted a visit from the New York Times.

Both Senator Jon Ossoff and Senator Raphael Warnock gave their remarks and reminded Georgians of their initiatives regarding diversity and inclusion especially within the Hispanic community.

The honorees received awards for their various contributions during the upscale luncheon at Truist Parks Delta Sky Club.

The list includes people from business, sports, entertainment, technology, healthcare, politics, and so much more. It included notables like: Georgia Power Regional Director, Misty Fernandez and Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, John King, among others. The GHCC also announced the latest inductees to its Hall of Fame, including Cox Senior VP of Corporate Affairs, Bob Jimenez and Senior District Attorney, Brenda Lopez Romero. "Honoring and highlighting the powerful contributions of our 50 Most Influential Latinos in Georgia is our duty and we proudly elevate them in character, impact, connectivity and honor their role in our communities," Maldonado-Torres added. Hundreds of nominations were received at the GHCC this year and went through a rigorous process to evaluate contributions each nominee has made. The final selection was based on the degree of influence each person exhibited in their role as a representative of the Latino community.

HALL OF FAME 2022

Adelina Nicholls, ED, Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights; Anthony Rodriguez, ED, HUB404; Bob Jimenez, VP of Corporate Affairs Cox Enterprises; Brenda Lopez Romero, Senior Assistant District Attorney; Guiomar Obregon, CEO, Precision 2000; Jerry Gonzalez, CEO, GALEO & GALEO Impact Fund; Mimi Woodson, Council Member; Ozzie Areu, CEO, Areu Bros Studios; Sam Zamarripa, Chairman & Director, Mundo Hispanico; Rafael Navarro, Director & Editor in Chief.

The 50 Most Influential Latinos in Georgia 2022

Alex Gonzalez, CIO, Metro Atlanta Chamber; Alex Villanueva, Cyber Security Senior Technology Consultant, EY; Ana Maria Martinez, President and CO-Founder, Georgia Latino Law Foundation; Andres Villegas, President & CEO, Georgia Forestry Association & Georgia Forestry Foundation; Angel Cabrera, President, Georgia Institute of Technology; Barbara Rivera Holmes, President & CEO, Albany Area Chamber of Commerce; Christopher Pereira, Principal & Founder, Critical Point Consulting; Daniela Rodriguez, ED, Migrant Equity Southeast; Deborah Gonzalez, District Attorney; Diana Trujillo, Director of Events, Atlanta Sports Council; Dr. Felipe Lobelo, Physician Program Director for Epidemiology, Public Health Preparedness Southeast Permanente Medical Group; Eloisa Klementich, President & CEO, Invest Atlanta; Frank Fernandez, President & CEO, Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta; Gina Espinosa-Meltzer, Partner, Hope-Beckham; Hilda Abbott, Founder & CEO, RudHil Companies; Jaime Rangel, Georgia State Director, FWD.us; Jason R. Anavitarte, Director of Life Services & Community Relations CareSource; Jason Esteves, Vice President of Legal, Equifax; Javier Diaz de Leon, Consul General of Mexico in Atlanta; Joel Alvarado, VP of Strategy & Engagement Partnership, Southern Equity; John Duran, Director of Bilingual Relationships, Beaver Toyota; John F. King, Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner; Jorge Estevez, Anchor/Reporter, Cox Media Groups; Jorge Gomez, Marketing Director, Plaza Fiesta; Jose Paniagua, VP & Treasurer, Inspire Brands; Jose Perez, Board of Regents, University Systems of Georgia; Juan Bonilla, Founder & CEO, TCI CRM, LLC; Juan Perez, CIO, Salesforce; Julio Rivera-Montero, Sales Account Manager, Delta Airlines; Lillian Rodriguez Lopez, Public Affairs Specialist, CCI Companies; Lisa Guadalupe Clarke, Founder & CEO, ATL Search Group; Louis Enrique Negrón Sr., CEO, The 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc.; Maria Guerra-Stoll, President and CEO, PAM Studios; Maria Alejandra Bastidas, VP and General Manager, Telemundo Atlanta; Martha Revelo, NE Outreach Director, US Senator Raphael Warnock; Michael Gorman Hernandez, President & CEO, SSSD Contracting, LLC; Misty S. Fernandez, Regional Director, GA Power; Moises Velez, Founder and Editor, Que Pasa Ga; Monica Altagracia Marin Cruz, Consul General of El Salvador in Georgia; Oscar Zelaya, President & CEO, Blue Point Entertainment; Pamela Peynado, Director of Jurisprudence, Esq, Lee and Peynado Immigration Law Group; Rene Alegria, President and CEO, MundoNow; Shirley Anne Smith, ED, Atlanta Fire Rescue Foundation; Sofia M Bork, Community Affairs Manager, Truist; J. Antonio DelCampo, Attorney, DGL Attorneys at Law; Tony Guerrero, Actor/Producer/Voice over Actor; Vanessa Ibarra, ED, City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of International and Immigrant Affairs; Veronica Toscano de Leger, Government Liaison, Government of Guanajuato; Vincenzo Piscopo, President and CEO, United Spinal Association; Zulma Lopez, Immigration Attorney, Lopez Immigration.