



# News Release

Florida, March 7, 2012 - The Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners presented a Proclamation declaring the National Hispanic Corporate Achievers Day on March 5, 2012. Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez highlighted our not-for-profit Organization for its continuous efforts to contribute to the enhancement of our community for the good of the citizens, for serving as a plateau for major corporations to gather and recognize the accomplishments of their top employees of Hispanic descent, and for joining forces with educational institutions to create programs of empowerment, summits, diversity career fairs, and forums, which help develop and prepare the Hispanic community to not only lead but flourish within the global economy. National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, known also as Hispanic Achievers, was also recognized for the launch of the first Hispanic license plate in the Nation which represents the great accomplishments of American Hispanics while providing funding to non-profits throughout Florida that serve minorities.

Outstanding leaders from Chambers of Commerce, Health Systems, Associations, and other Community Organizations from South Florida were honored on this day for their community service and economic development. These leaders and organizations were also recognized as Hispanic Achievers Ambassadors. Visit [www.HispanicAchievers.org](http://www.HispanicAchievers.org) for photo and video gallery.



From left to right : Mike Rios, Pres. Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County; Luis De Rosa, Pres. South FI Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce and Chair of HAGC-South Region; Richard Robles, Esquire & Pres. Puerto Rican Bar Association of Florida; Paul Velez, Chief Administrative Officer-Borinquen Medical Centers of Miami-Dade; Luis "Lefty" Perez, Salsa Artist, Lisa M. Pietri, Pres. NHCA-U.S. South, Melvin "Skip" Chaves, Founding Chairperson South FL Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce; Armando "Mandy" Llanes, Chairman-Hialeah Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Lilliam M. Lopez, Pres. South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Elizabeth Baez, Artist and Pres. NACOPRW-Miami Chapter; Nilsa Velazquez, Pres. & CEO-KIDCO Child Care; Lynn Ponder, Founder WebCityGirls.com. *Missing on photo:* Marvin Cordero, Admin Community Affairs-Jackson Health System; Wilfredo Seda, Pres.-Nat'l Congress for Puerto Rican Rights; Mimi Capote, Marketing & Administrative Mgr.-Borinquen Health Care Center, and Patti Urban, Independent Contractor to the Medical Industry.



Miami-Dade County Mayor Gimenez presents Proclamation to Lisa M. Pietri, President of Hispanic Achievers-U.S. South, and Luis De Rosa, Chair of Hispanic Achievers Grant Council for South Florida.



Hispanic Achievers recognize Mayor Gimenez in gratitude for his recognition and support of the Hispanic License Plate Commemorating the Discovery of Florida.