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Senate Hispanic Research Council Honors 2007 Legislative Fellows

Lt. Governor Dewhurst helps program reach fundraising target

Austin, TX – Sixteen of Texas’ most promising Hispanic leaders selected for the Senator Gregory Luna Legislative Scholars and Fellows Program, a prestigious internship program designed to introduce undergraduate and graduate college students to public service and state government, were honored at a fundraiser on Tuesday.

Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, whose office also sponsors a Luna Scholar, gave the keynote address. When Lt. Governor Dewhurst learned that the program was short of reaching their fundraising target, he chipped in an additional \$10,000.

“We were thrilled that Lt. Governor Dewhurst was so generous,” said Frank Santos, Chair of the Luna Scholar Program. “This significant contribution impacts the lives of our scholars and fellows.”

Each year, the Senate Hispanic Research Council (SHRC) offers up to 16 promising Hispanic Americans from across the state the opportunity to work in the Texas Capitol during the legislative session. The fellows gain invaluable experience and develop leadership skills as full-time legislative assistants in the Texas Senate, as well as the office of the Lieutenant Governor. The 2007 class will participate in weekly leader development sessions and hear from respected members and community leaders on the legislative process.

“It is a privilege to watch the development of our future leaders,” said Sarah Saenz, SHRC Luna Scholars Program Director. “They arrive with questions and curiosity and leave with the knowledge and tools to make a difference.”

2007 Senator Gregory Luna Legislative Scholars and Fellows:

Ms. Adriana Alanis
Texas State University
Hometown: San Antonio

Senator Leticia Van de Putte

Ms. Adelina Bryant

Senator Royce West

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| University of Texas <i>Hometown: San Antonio</i> | |
| Mr. Michael Dole Texas A&M International University <i>Hometown: Laredo</i> | Senator Judith Zaffirini |
| Mr. Servando Esparza Texas Wesleyan University <i>Hometown: Fort Worth</i> | Senator Kip Averitt |
| Ms. Laura Fernandez Texas A&M University <i>Hometown: Sugar Land</i> | Governor Rick Perry |
| Mr. Jonathan Fuentes University of Houston <i>Hometown: Pecos</i> | Senator Carlos Uresti |
| Mr. Rogelio Gomez University of Texas <i>Hometown: San Antonio</i> | Senator Mario Gallegos |
| Ms. Julie Gonzalez University of Texas Pan American <i>Hometown: Edinburg</i> | Senator Eddie Lucio |
| Ms. Caroline Hallman St. Mary's University <i>Hometown: McAllen</i> | Senator Eliot Shapleigh |
| Ms. Xochitl Hinojosa University of Incarnate Word <i>Hometown: Brownsville</i> | Senator Kirk Watson |
| Ms. Nicole Monsibais University of Texas <i>Hometown: San Antonio</i> | Senator Kel Seliger |
| Mr. Luis Moreno Texas Lutheran University <i>Hometown: Seguin</i> | Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa |
| Mr. Joshua Nunez Texas Tech University <i>Hometown: Levelland</i> | Senator Robert Duncan |
| Ms. Osiris Santos Sam Houston State University <i>Hometown: Huntsville</i> | Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst |
| Mr. Gonzalo Serrano McMurry University <i>Hometown: McKinney</i> | Senator Leticia Van de Putte |
| Ms. Vanessa Valdez Texas State University <i>Hometown: San Antonio</i> | Senator John Whitmire |

Additional information about the program is available at www.tshrc.org