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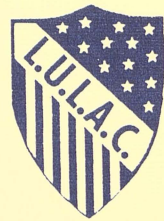
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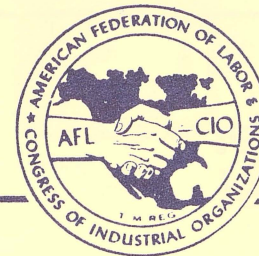


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
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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Thank you for making this event a memorable one with your presence. My special thanks to the following union members: Arely Erazo, Communication Workers of America Local 6229; Pedro Ramirez (retired), National Association of Letter Carriers, and Luis A. Palacios, National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 354, without whose help this would not have been possible.

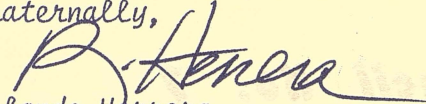
Our objectives for this event are as follows: First, to honor a dear colleague who left us earlier this year, a true unionist, Francisco S. Lara. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have worked with him learned much about the labor movement, a primary function of which is to advocate for just causes, not only for union members, but for those less fortunate who suffer the consequences of being unemployed or underemployed. Brother Lara left us a rich heritage and an example of a role model to emulate. In his memory we must continue, we cannot forget the many personal sacrifices that he made in trying to create a better standard of living for many. His contributions as a school trustee for the Laredo Independent School District, of which he served for nine years made an impact felt to this day.

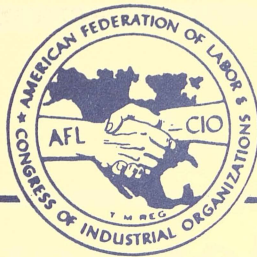
Secondly, it is an opportunity for union state officials to address our local membership so that they may share with us from their perspectives on the problems presently facing the labor movement, and offer their views on how these problems can be addressed.

We trust that our initiative this evening will serve to rekindle a desire on the part of our membership to participate in the electoral process for their own benefit, their families and society as a whole.

In closing, we thank those union members and friends who took the time to travel to our city to be with us for this event. God bless you.

Fraternally,


Rolando Herrera
President



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*1st Annual "Salute to Labor" Banquet
Holiday Inn on the Rio Grande Hotel*

August 25, 1995

Agenda

- Masters of Ceremonies: Judge Danny Valdez
- Prayer, Mr. Joel Requenez, NALC 1259, CC, Tx.
- Pledge of Allegiance,
Mr. Joel Requenez, NALC 1259, CC, Tx.
- Opening remarks:
Mr. Rolando Herrera, President, CLC-AFL-CIO
- Welcome,
Honorable Saul Ramirez, Mayor, City of Laredo
- Introduction of Guests,
Honorable Danny Valdez,
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2
- State Senator Judith Zaffirini
- Ms. Linda Chavez Thompson, National V.P. Labor Council
for Latin American Advancement, AFL-CIO
- Honorable Henry Cuellar
State Representative, District No.
- Mr. Joe Gunn, President, Texas AFL-CIO
- Presentation of Special Awards, Mr. Rolando Herrera
- Closing Remarks,
Honorable Mercurio Martinez, Judge, County of Webb.
- Adjournment

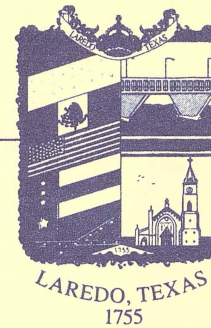


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Tomas Martinez, President

**Best of Luck to CLC of
Webb County AFL-CIO**



CITY OF LAREDO

August 22, 1995

Dear Union Members:

Good evening and welcome. Tonight we are gathered to proclaim and recognize the efforts and achievements of the working class. This occasion will also provide union members with the opportunity to become informed on the latest in local, state, and national issues, as they pertain to the labor movement.

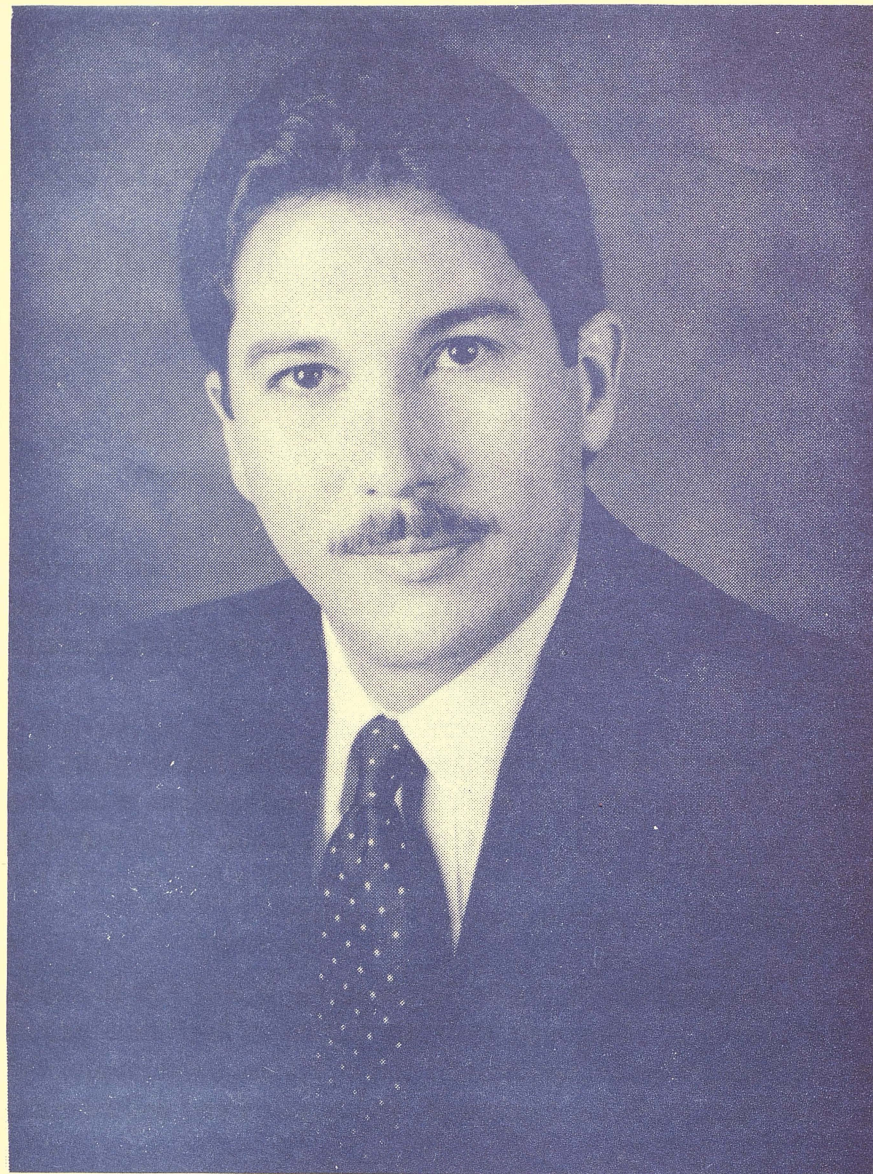
In addition, the evening will honor the late Francisco Lara for his many years of dedicated service to this community. Mr. Lara was a member and President of the American Postal Workers Union. He was also President of the Central Labor Council and a trustee on the Board of the Laredo Independent School District. Mr. Lara expressed a deep concern for the needs of the students, faculty, personnel, administrators, and taxpayers.

He also served honorably in the Armed Forces during World War II, and was a devoted husband. "Panchito," as he was affectionately called by many of his friends and colleagues, left behind a legacy to union members of fairness, dedication, honesty, and involvement in the electoral process. The Francisco S. Lara Memorial Scholarship Fund will be established in his honor.

This country has evolved on the dreams and sacrifices of the working class. Today, in the struggle to maintain our position in world competition, the American worker continues to make the United States the greatest country in the world. Join us, as we honor America's working class in "A Salute to Labor." Thank you and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.

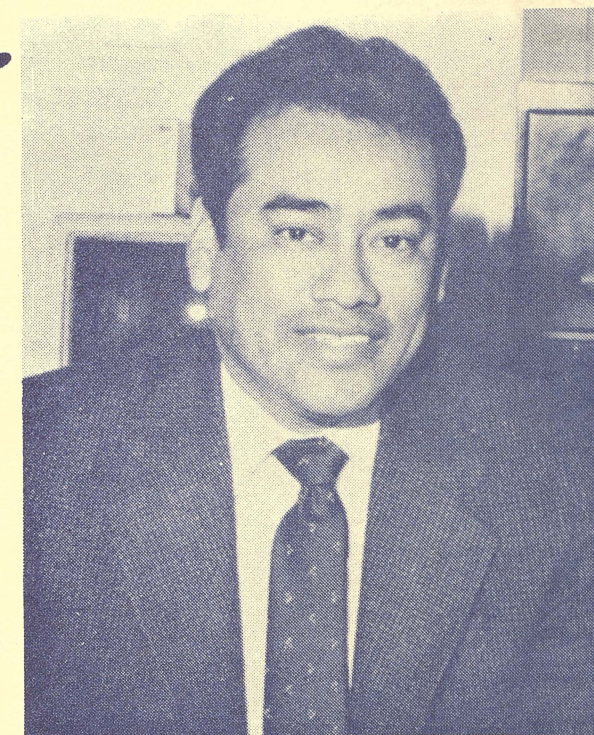
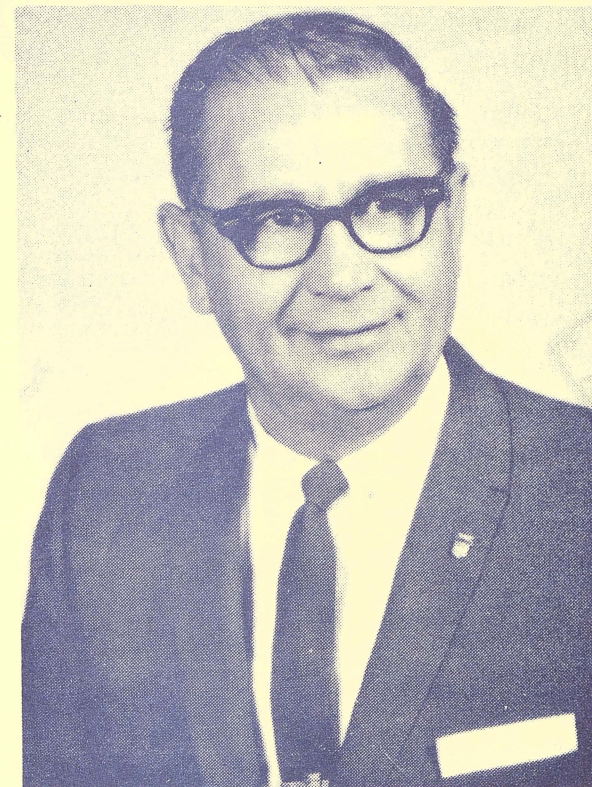


Mr. Joe Gunn, President, Texas AFL-CIO
and Ms. Linda Chavez Thompson, Ntl. V.P.
Labor Council for Latin American
Advancement, AFL-CIO and
all Union Members.
My best wishes in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Joe Rubio
District Attorney for Webb
and Zapata Counties

1st Annual "Salute to Labor" Star Award Recipients



Andres Sandoval, Jr.

Mr. Sandoval is a former union member who has been involved throughout his life in numerous organizations for the betterment of the working man and the community.

Mr. Sandoval is a graduate of Martin High School. He served in the U.S. Air during WW II and was honorably discharged. He is a life member and founder of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9194.

He is a board member of the Laredo Development Corporation and the Community Action Agency.

His union activities include: Past V. President of the National Association of Letter Carriers; Chief Steward for the American Postal Workers Union; Twice president of the Central Labor Council and three years he served as Public Information Officer for the Tx. AFL-CIO in West Texas.

He retired in 1976 from the U.S. Postal Service. He continues the fight for community betterment and social justice.

The CLC is proud to present him with the Star Award.

Blas Castañeda

Blas Castañeda has dedicated his career in helping his community. Currently he serves as City Councilman for District V. (1988-1996). Every single post he has served in has been purely as a volunteer.

He has worked with many national, state, regional and local officials for fair labor standards and wages for the working person.

There are four areas that he has been involved with throughout his career.

- Economic Development- He has helped generate business development which in turn has created jobs.

- Promotion of Education - Constantly promoting youth and adults to continue their education which improves the quality of life for everyone involved.

- Youth Development - He has taken a strong leadership role in advocating opportunities for youth to get involved in.

- Leadership Development - He has worked with national, state and local organizations to help individuals recongnize their full potential to be someone.

He was instrumental in retaining 250 postal service positions. The CLC is proud to present him with the Star Award

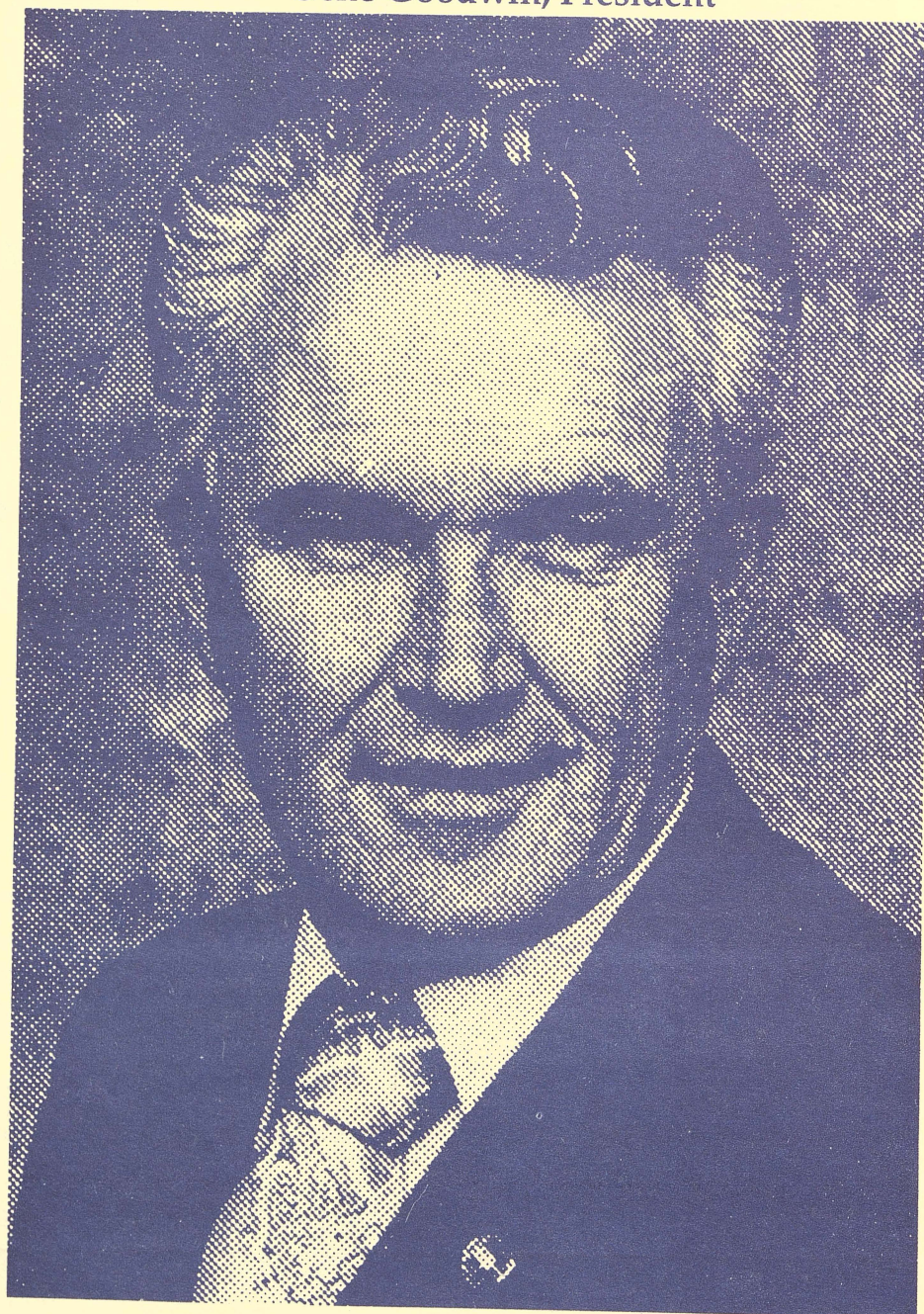
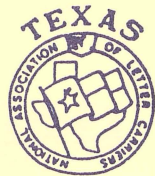
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Gene Goodwin, President



Mr. Joe Gunn, President of the Texas AFL-CIO.
We support your efforts to build a stronger and
unified labor movement.



Pictured above to the left is Mr. Leopoldo De Hoyos with Mr. Rolando Herrera, President CLC-ALF-CIO. Mr. De Hoyos is one of the hundreds of small businessmen who create employment to many citizens of our community. The small business sector helps to generate tax revenue and play an important role with their contribution to our local economy. Often they are faced with the economic hardships such as the peso devaluation. The CLC-AFL-CIO strongly believes the City of Laredo should create a small business economic development department such as exists in major cities to assist the small business sector. The CLC urges support to the small business sector.



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Francisco Lara's Eulogy

Frank, as more time passes, I feel guilty and sorry for not having said...a few kind words the last day you were with us.

All of us who knew you, are extremely grateful for the treasure you left us.

For most of us who stayed behind, we will remember you when ever we meet someone, man or woman with the same noble qualities you had: being humble, sincere, patient, and most of all with burning desire to assist and serve your fellowman.

Whenever I read about eulogies of persons that have given of their time and made contributions to good causes, I feel glad and grateful.

But, in your case, you gave us all you had: precious time which you needed to rest...or be with your family.

Your contribution just by attending the meetings was inspiring, and your enthusiasm contagious that it helped the council attain success on whatever was their goal.

My biggest consolation that I have and most would agree is that the doors of heaven were open the day you left us.

Goodbye my dear friend.

1924-1995
Past President
Central Labor Council
2 terms; and APWU
President
Honorably discharged
WW II Veteran

Mr. Joe Gunn, President
of the state AFL-CIO
and
state officials,
Welcome to our
community.

I trust this event will
prove successful and
rewarding to local union
members and friends.

Respectfully,

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.,
Judge, County of Webb.



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Thank you, Central Labor Council members, for your outstanding work and leadership. May your first annual Salute to Labor be a wonderful success, and may God bless the workers of Laredo and of Webb County.

Judith Zaffirini
Judith Zaffirini
State Senator, District 21



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Pictured above are the first recipients of the Francisco S. Lara Memorial Scholarship program. L to r: Reynaldo Landa, majoring in computer science; Jean M. Mackey, nursing; and Felix R. Mercado, pre-medicine. They are graduates of the Dr. L. G. Cigarroa High School. To the extreme right is Mr. Rolando Herrera, President of the CLC-AFL-AFL-CIO. The scholarship program is established in memory of Mr. Lara's concern for education. He served for nine years in the Laredo Independent School District Board of Trustees. His voting record while in the school board reflects concern for and dedication to the needs of students and all those involved in the educational process. He supported selling school bonds for construction of schools, including the Cigarroa High School.

JUAN RAMIREZ,
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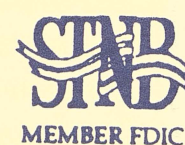
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Pictured to the right is Judge Danny Valdez with Mr. Manuel Cerda, Automotive Technology Instructor at Dr. L. G. Cigarroa high School. On this occasion, he is giving certificates of merit to students. Judge Valdez is known for his involvement in numerous activities in our community.

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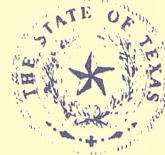
Laredo, Texas

Judge Danny Valdez
Continue in your efforts to guide the youth
of our community.
You are doing a great and rewarding job.

Gene Goodwin, President

Mr. Joe Gunn,
congratulations in your efforts for the
betterment of the working class.
I wish you success.
Sincerely,

The State of Texas
House of Representatives



Henry Cuellar

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Mr. Joe Gunn,
President, Texas AFL-CIO
and Union Members,

May your organization continue to be the
voice of the working people of Texas.
Sincerely,

Hector Liendo
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Place 1

Our best wishes to the local, state and national AFL-CIO
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E.Price, left, Investment Officer for AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust and James Campbell, right, Director, National Partnership for Community Investment, review the plans for the El Azteca Housing Development Project, a 50 unit multifamily rental project, with Rolando Herrera, president, CLC-AFL-CIO, Laredo.

Low Income Housing Program

El Azteca Housing Development project is a 50 unit multifamily rental project in the El Azteca neighborhood of Laredo. The project consists of one, two and three bedroom apartments to meet the needs of both the senior and large families of the neighborhood. The project is intended to provide an economic stimulus to the El Azteca, which is one of the old sections of the city. The site, which is controlled by deed, is a full city block and has a view across the Rio Grande of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. The riverside lot across the street is also vacant and controlled by the General Partner. The site has access to city water and sewer as well as gas and electric utilities.

The Project is being developed by El Azteca Economic Preservation & Development Corporation which is the General Partner of Riverfront Housing, Limited Partnership. An application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for \$271,115 in low income housing tax credits has been approved. The project received the highest score in the state for need assessment. An application to the AFL-CIO's Housing Investment Trust for permanent financing has been approved. The Project has been selected as one of forty for the AFL-CIO's program. Once final commitment is received the project will receive 50 project based section 8 certificates along with a first mortgage through this program.



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