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Fort Bend County Honors Hispanic Community Leaders, Presents Inaugural Hispanic and Latin Heritage Food Festival

(FORT BEND, TX) - Fort Bend County Judge KP George, today proudly celebrated the profound impact that Latin-American people and culture have in Fort Bend County with two special community events held at the Historic Fort Bend County Courthouse.

To kick off Hispanic Heritage Month, Judge George's inaugural county-wide Taste of Hispanic and Latin American Food Festival was held from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The event aimed to embrace the Latin culture and highlight its diverse community through food and live music. Half a dozen Fort Bend Area restaurants participated in the food festival; Bob's Tacos, Tacos Don Marte, Papyrusaria Agua Caliente, La Michocana, and Panaderia Victoria.

Following the Food Festival, Judge George continued the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month by recognizing the contributions of community advocates, educators, and activists of Hispanic and Latin heritage in Fort Bend County.

Honorees included **Dora Olivo**, a former member of the Texas House of Representatives representing the 27th District, **Brenda Macal**, president of the Fort Bend American Federation of Teachers, **Frances Luna**, a long-time champion of voting rights in Fort Bend County who helped educate the Spanish-speaking people of Rosenberg about the election process, businesswoman **Vanessa Luna**, vice president of Fort Bend League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), and **Carmen Pina**, the first bilingual elections judge in Fort Bend County.

ABC 13 News Anchor Mayra Moreno served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Featured guests included J. Christian Becerra, 434th District Court Judge in Fort Bend County, Fort Bend County Attorney Bridgette Smith-Lawson, Fort Bend County Sheriff Eric Fagan, Juli Mathew, presiding Judge of County Court at Law 3 in Fort Bend County, and Dr. Jennifer Cantu co-founder and board member of Fort Bend for All.

“Hispanic Heritage Month is a time for us all to celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments and contributions made by people of Hispanic and Latin heritage,” said Fort Bend County Judge

George. “Through our celebrations and recognitions, we learn so much about the richness of the cultures here in Fort Bend County.”

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