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MESSAGE:
DRAFT Remarks

- * On behalf of my constituents, colleagues, friends, staff, and family, I am incredibly humbled and honored to receive this Lifetime Achievement Award.
- * Thank you, President Thomas Saenz, for this heart-warming honor! I commend you and everyone at MALDEF for all you do to protect and defend the rights of all Latinos living in the United States.
- * I have worked since the age of 12 for everything I have achieved. I was not expected to succeed with only a high school diploma. I believed in myself and was helped by many people who believed in me.
- * So, I must thank Former Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Former Congressman David Dreier, Dr. Luis Garcia, Adán Ortega, and my CHC and Congressional Colleagues for their support, friendship, and leadership.
- * I want to thank my most wonderful staff who are all committed to public service.
- * Lastly, I am incredibly grateful to my remarkable, supportive, and loving family. My children, my grandchildren, my great-grandchildren and my expected great-great grandchild. Each one has provided encouragement, guidance, and love. They have sustained me through 26 years in federal service, and prior state & local service, and I love you all dearly.
- * It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve my District of Eastern Los Angeles County, the great State of California, and our beloved nation.
- * From the bottom of my heart, thank you all and God Bless!

DRAFT Quote

"For 26 years, it has been the greatest honor and privilege to represent my constituents in Congress, working and fighting daily for progress for a better life for them and their families, for California, and our nation. From creating good-paying jobs, ensuring access to clean water, and delivering safer, faster commutes, to serving our veterans and their families, helping at-risk youth, and increasing the access and availability of mental health services nationwide, I have been proud to champion these causes for our Hispanic community and all Americans. I did not do it alone; thank you to my mentors, friends, colleagues, and dedicated staff. On behalf of my constituents, colleagues, friends, staff, and loving, supportive family, I am incredibly humbled and honored to accept this Lifetime Achievement Award, and I thank God for his guidance, and MALDEF for continuing to protect and defend the rights of all Latinos living in the United States."

Hello Melvin,

Greetings from MALDEF National Headquarters in Los Angeles, CA. I hope this finds you well.

MALDEF would be delighted to honor Congresswoman Napolitano with the MALDEF Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Government Service.

We are determined to honor her this year but would like to present her with the option of receiving her award at the Washington, D.C. Gala on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, or at the Los Angeles Gala on Thursday, November 7, 2024.

Once we have her preferred location and date we will immediately follow up with the official letter of invitation from MALDEF President and General Thomas Saenz, and will send you all details for her participation.

We look forward to honoring her for her many years of dedication to her community and her nation!

I hope to hear back from you as soon as you have a response. Thank you.

Best,
Gina Montoya

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