

CHLI Executive Director Nominated for Prestigious National Hispanic Leadership Award

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Washington, DC (**CapitalWirePR**) November 3, 2008 --- The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute's Executive Director, Mr. Octavio A. Hinojosa Mier, has been nominated for the prestigious 2008 "Lider" of the Year Award, sponsored by MillerCoors.

Hinojosa Mier is one of thirteen national Hispanic leaders who have been nominated. The 2008 "Lider" of the Year is selected by the number of online votes received between November 1 and November 12, 2008 at www.coorslideres.com <<http://www.coorslideres.com>>

"CHLI is honored to have its Executive Director nominated as the 2008 'Lider' of the Year Award," said US Representative Lincoln Diaz-Balart (FL-21), Chairman, CHLI Board of Directors and CHLI Founder. "Octavio is the perfect example of a national Hispanic leader who has worked hard and achieved success. His parents migrated to the US from Mexico, where he then grew up in the small town of Hutchison, KS and now leads a major Hispanic non-profit organization focused on empowering our community and creating stronger Hispanic leaders in government, business and civic life. I can't think of a better 'Lider'."

Should Hinojosa Mier be selected for this honor, the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute will be awarded a grant for \$25,000 by MillerCoors. CHLI would use this grant to fund an innovative leadership initiative for promising Hispanics in communities such as Denver, Los Angeles and Albuquerque.

"I am truly honored to be nominated for "Lider" of the Year by Miller Coors," said Octavio A. Hinojosa Mier, Executive Director, CHLI. "The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute would implement meaningful projects in the community with this valuable \$25,000 grant. I encourage all our friends and supporters to vote for me at www.coorslideres.com <<http://www.coorslideres.com>> today, so that CHLI can strengthen its mission of advancing the diversity of thought and developing Hispanic leaders throughout the country."

Hinojosa Mier was named the Executive Director by the Board of Directors of the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute when it was founded in 2004. Throughout the past four years, under Hinojosa Mier's leadership, the organization has grown in stature and expanded its programming and funding.

A native of Hutchinson, Kansas and the son of Mexican immigrants, Hinojosa Mier holds a Master's of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University and a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science and Latin American Studies from the University of Kansas. He and his wife, Gina, and his baby daughter, Alexa, live in Virginia.

The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute advances the Hispanic Community's diversity of thought through non-partisan analysis, study and research. Through educational partnerships, scholarships, leadership programs, academic seminars and other events, CHLI provides opportunities for discussion and exploration of strategic solutions for community challenges that in turn, benefit the nation as a whole. For more information, visit www.chli.org.

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