

Monday, June 21, 2004

6:00 p.m. CONGRESSIONAL WELCOME RECEPTION
8:00 p.m. Location: Education and the Workforce Committee Room
 2175 Rayburn House Office Building

Remarks

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX)
 Senator John Cornyn (TX)
 Congressman Solomon Ortiz (TX)
 Congressman Lloyd Doggett (TX)

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

7:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
Location: Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,
 Congressional Members Room, First & Independence, SE

8:00 a.m. **WELCOME**
Location: Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,
 Congressional Members Room - Congressman Rubén Hinojosa

8:10 a.m. **INCREASING HOMEOWNERSHIP IN RURAL AND
 MINORITY COMMUNITIES**
Location: Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,
 Keynote – Daniel Mudd, Vice Chair and COO, Fannie Mae

8:30 a.m. **SECURING OUR HOMELAND**
Location: Members Room, Library of Congress, Jefferson Building
 Keynote – Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary for Border and Transportation
 Security, Department of Homeland Security

9:00 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**Track One: HOMELAND SECURITY: CHALLENGES FOR
 COMMUNITY LEADERS** - Panelists will provide an update on the US/VISIT
 program and homeland security issues affecting the 15th Congressional District and
 provide information on grant resources for first responders and community leaders.
Location: Members Room, Library of Congress, Jefferson Building

Moderator – Congressman Silvestre Reyes (TX), Select Intelligence Committee

Panelists

Congressman Jim Turner (TX), Ranking Member, House Committee on
 Homeland Security
Jim Williams, Director, US-VISIT, Department of Homeland Security
James Burch, Deputy Director for Policy, Office of Justice Programs, Department
 of Justice

Track Two: DEVELOPING A 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE –
 Panelists will provide a legislative update and discuss policies and resources
 available to help communities achieve the goal of developing a competitive
 workforce in Texas. Location: L1119, Library of Congress, Jefferson Building

Moderator – Congressman Ed Pastor (AZ), Chair Congressional Hispanic
 Caucus Labor Taskforce

Panelists

Congressman Rob Andrews (NJ), Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Employer-
 Employee Relations
Mason Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Division,
 Department of Labor
Diane Rath, Chair, Texas Workforce Commission

10:15 a.m. **NETWORKING BREAK**
Location: Members Room, Library of Congress,
 Jefferson Building

10:30 a.m. **PATHWAYS FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED**
Location: Members Room, Library of Congress, Jefferson
 Building

Keynote – Senator Patty Murray (WA), Senate Health,
 Education and Labor Committee

11:00 a.m. **THE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS**
Location: Members Room, Library of Congress,
 Jefferson Building

Keynote – Congressman Steny Hoyer (MD), Minority Whip,
 House Appropriations Committee

11:30 a.m. **IMPACT OF MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN**
Location: Members Room, Library of Congress, Jefferson
 Building

Keynote – Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (CA), Minority
 Leader

12:00 p.m. **RELOCATION BREAK**

12:15 p.m. **LUNCHEON**
Location: Library of Congress, South West Pavilion

12:30 p.m. **SPECIAL ADDRESS**
Location: Library of Congress, South West Pavilion
 Congressman Robert Menendez (NJ), Chairman, House Democratic Caucus

1:30 p.m. **SPECIAL ADDRESS**
Location: Library of Congress, South West Pavilion
 Congressman Patrick Kennedy (RI), House Appropriations

2:00 p.m. **SPECIAL ADDRESS**
Location: Library of Congress, South West Pavilion
 Congressman Charles Rangel (NY), Ranking Member, House Ways and
 Means Committee

2:30 p.m. **RELOCATION BREAK**

2:45 p.m. **SPECIAL ADDRESS**
Location: Members Room, Library of Congress, Jefferson Bldg
 Senator Edward Kennedy (MA), Ranking Member, Senate Health, Education,
 Labor, and Pensions Committee

3:00 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Track One: RESOURCES & TOOLS FOR COMMUNITY
 DEVELOPMENT** – Panelists will discuss legislation and federal resources
 available for community development including tax incentives.
Location: Members Room, Library of Congress, Jefferson Bldg.

Moderator – Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX), House Energy and
 Commerce Committee

Panelists

Gilbert Gonzalez, Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture

Lydia Ortiz, Economic Development Program Specialist, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce

Theresa Speake, Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy

Efrain Gonzalez, Program Manager for Minority Business Development Centers and Native American Business Development Centers, Minority Business Development Agency

Track Two: INCREASING EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR TEXAS STUDENTS - Panelists will discuss legislation, federal policies, and funding resources available to help students succeed in securing a higher education. Location: LJ119, Library of Congress, Jefferson Building

Moderator – Congressman Raúl Grijalva (AZ), Member, Education and the Workforce Committee

Panelists

David James Downey, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education

Don Thompson, Deputy Assistant Director, Education Directorate, National Science Foundation

Theresa Speake, Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy

4:10 p.m.

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4:15 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Track One: MEETING WATER MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES – Panelists will discuss recent legislation, federal programs, and funding resources aimed at helping communities increase their water quality and manage flood and drought conditions. Location: Members Room, Library of Congress, Jefferson Building

Moderator – Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (CA), Ranking Member, House, Water and Power Subcommittee

Panelists

Congressman Chet Edwards (TX), House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee

COL Leonard Waterworth, Commander, Galveston District, Corps of Engineers

Michael Hirsch, Chief, Individual Assistance Branch, Federal Emergency Management Administration

Jim Hanlon, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Environmental Protection Agency

Track Two: IMPROVING ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE

– Panelists will provide a legislative update and acquaint community leaders with federal funding resources available for health care programs and organizations.

Location: LJ119, Library of Congress, Jefferson Building

Moderator – Congresswoman Hilda Solis (CA), Chair, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Health Taskforce

Panelists

Congresswoman Diana DeGette (CO), Co-Chair House Diabetes Caucus

Dr. Nathan Stinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Minority Health, Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Marcia Brand, Director, Office of Rural Health Policy, Department of Health and Human Services

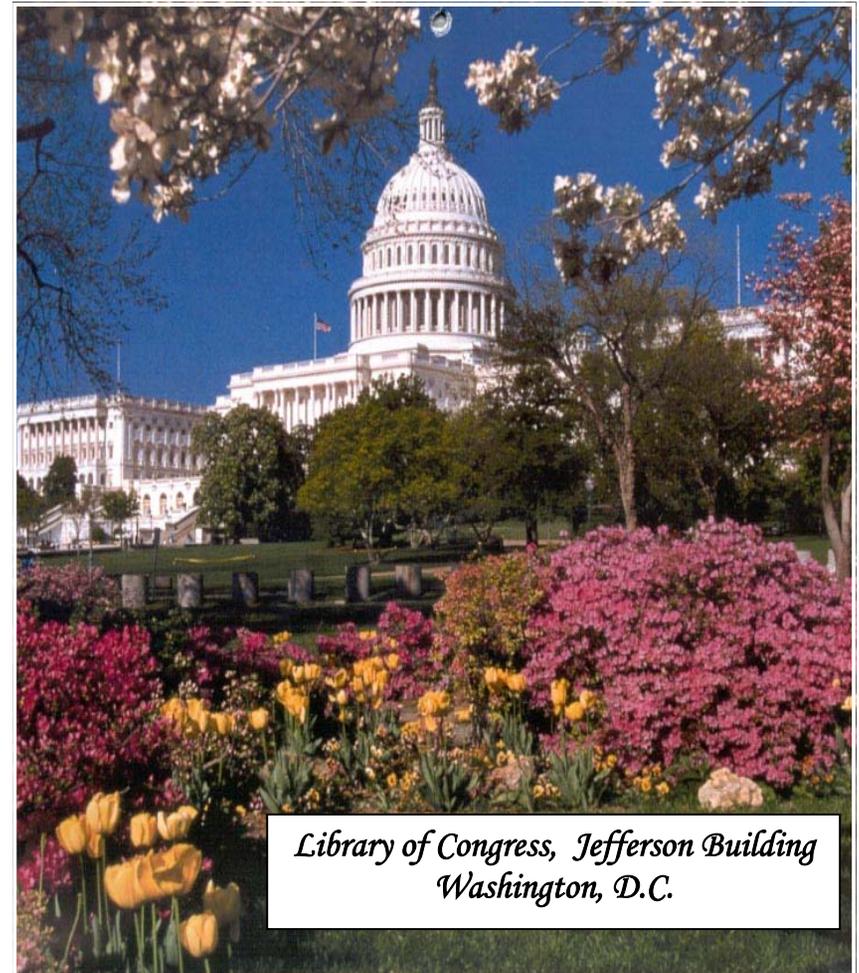


Congressman Rubén Hinojosa

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5:30 p.m.

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