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## Senator José Rodríguez to attend and speak at Las Americas' Border Heroes Celebration

**El Paso**—Senator José Rodríguez will attend and serve as a guest speaker at Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center's Border Heroes Celebration tomorrow. The annual celebration is intended to serve as a fundraiser for Las Americas, which is a 28 year-old non-profit dedicated to serving the legal needs of low-income immigrants, including refugees and victims of domestic violence. Banquet guests will include judges, lawyers, students, and immigration advocates in the community. In his remarks, Sen. Rodríguez will focus on the importance and necessity of comprehensive immigration reform.

- **What:** 2016 Border Heroes Celebration
- **When:** 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2016 (Senator Rodriguez to speak at 7:30 p.m.)
- **Where:** Temple Mount Sinai, 4408 N. Stanton St., El Paso, Texas 79902

**About Las Americas:** *Since 1987, Las Americas, which is certified by the Board of Immigration Appeals, has provided representation to more than 12,000 low-income immigrants in El Paso. Las Americas' clients are from all over the world. The El Paso port-of-entry sees the second highest number of people crossing into the United States by land, second only to San Diego. El Paso is also an important corridor for illegal crossings. Immigrants from all around the world often end up in El Paso through roundabout smuggling ways and Las Americas staff have helped clients from countries as far as Burma and Cameroon. Las Americas strives to be an efficient organization, relying on volunteer attorneys and helpers for a lot of its cases. Donations are also put to good use. Our annual internal audit shows that 84 cents out of every donated dollar goes toward services, an extraordinary ratio by non-profit standards.*

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*José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Education; Health and Human Services; Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; Nominations; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.*