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Senator César J. Blanco named Vice-Chairman of the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus

Austin, Texas – Today, Senator César J. Blanco (SD29) was named Vice-Chairman for the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus (SHC). Since being established in 1987, The Senate Hispanic Caucus has worked to ensure that Latino voices are heard and represented in the Texas Senate.

"I am incredibly honored to be named Vice-Chair for the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus by our Chairman, Senator Jose Menendez. For years, the Caucus has been the leading voice for the Hispanic community in Texas," said Senator César J. Blanco. "Hispanics make up 40% of the state's population, 53% of students, and own 30% of all small businesses in Texas, and are driving our state's population and economic growth. The success of our state is directly linked to the success of our Hispanic families and communities. I look forward to working with Chairman Menendez and the caucus to strengthen our Hispanic communities for a stronger Texas."

State Senator José Menéndez, Chairman of The Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus issued the following statement:

"It is my privilege to announce that Senator Blanco will serve as Vice-Chair for the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus. Senator Blanco's commitment to public service is attributed by his service in the United State Navy and the Texas House of Representatives. We are fortunate to have a strong advocate like Senator Blanco working for the betterment of all Texans. Our community has been the backbone for our economy, labor, and progress of our State. As Hispanics continue to grow as the majority in Texas, it is long overdue for additional representation at the State level. This session we have unprecedented opportunity to invest back into the people. Together, we will continue to prioritize the needs and protections of all Hispanic communities in our State."

Local Hispanic community leaders have issued statements of congratulations to Senator Blanco on his appointment as Vice-Chair of the Senate Hispanic Caucus.

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Marisa Limón Garza, Executive Director of Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center, issued the following statement:

"Senator César Blanco is a champion of our district, Latino families and individuals in El Paso and Far West Texas. His legislation is based on strong community engagement and demonstrates an effort to address the unique challenges faced by our community. He will be a strong voice as Vice Chair of the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus."

Cindy Ramos-Davidson, CEO of the El Paso Hispanic Chamber, issued the following statement:

"Senator Blanco has been an invaluable leader through some very difficult times for El Pasoans-but his response has always been swift and unwavering: go above and beyond for your constituents. The Senator has always taken an active interest in the business community, always reaching out to us to ensure our business community's needs are being addressed in Austin and sitting down and pulling up his sleeves to work with business owners directly to understand their issues. We are privileged to have Senator Blanco as our guest for a town hall series on February 10 called "Small Business Shout-Out," an event proposed by the Senator to take a fresh look at business needs in 2023- a small glance into the passion and tenacity he possesses for his community and its wellbeing. We applaud this appointment and stand behind the rest of El Paso as we congratulate Senator Blanco on his latest achievement as he continues to make his hometown proud."

Jon Barela, CEO of the Borderplex Alliance issued the following statement:

"We congratulate Senator César Blanco on his appointment as Vice Chair of the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus. Senator Blanco is a true friend of business and understands the importance of economic development in our region. His voice and experience will be an invaluable asset to the Hispanic Caucus, and we are proud to have him representing the Borderplex region."

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Senator César J. Blanco is a US Navy Veteran and proudly represents the people of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, and Reeves counties in the Texas Senate. In the 88th Texas Legislature, Senator Blanco serves as a member of the Senate Committees on Health & Human Services; Natural Resources & Economic Development; Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs; Veteran Affairs; and Border Security. He has been named a Best Legislator by Texas Monthly Magazine.