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NALEO Educational Fund Mourns Loss of Former Los Nietos School Board Member and Community Leader Carmen Gloria Duran

Washington, D.C. – *The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released a statement following the passing of Carmen Gloria Duran:*

"NALEO Educational Fund and its board of directors extend our deepest sympathies to Board Chair and West Hollywood Councilmember John Duran and family on the passing of his mother, the Honorable Carmen Gloria Duran. Ms. Duran's deep commitment to her community and local government will leave a lasting impression for generations to come. Ms. Duran passed away on March 12.

"Born in Silver City, New Mexico, Ms. Duran put down roots in Santa Fe Springs, California with her husband of more than fifty years Eduardo Duran, and their four children. Throughout her decades of service, she devoted her life to advocating on behalf of the Latino community and championing access to quality public education for all.

"Ms. Duran was a recognized Latina activist in Southern California, and a proud NALEO Member who served on the Los Nietos School District Board of Trustees in Whittier, California from 1989 to 2005. She proudly represented Los Nietos School District on the California School Board Association Legislative and Government Relations Committees, and served on the Santa Fe Springs Family and Human Services Advisory Committee and Sister City Committee.

"In her later years, Ms. Duran continued to contribute to her community, chairing the Santa Fe Springs Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Whittier chapter of the League of Women Voters and the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults. In 2005, she served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging. Ms. Duran was named one of 57th Assembly District's Distinguished Women of the Year, a recognition presented to female role models who have contributed to California through their leadership, courage and tenacity.

"We will honor Ms. Duran's legacy by continuing her efforts to fight on behalf of the Latino community and other underrepresented communities. Our thoughts and condolences are with her husband Eduardo, her son NALEO Educational Fund Board Chair Duran, and the rest of her family and friends during this difficult time."

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About NALEO Educational Fund

NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-profit, non-partisan organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.