

From left to right
Melinda Guzman USHCC Legal Counsel,
Elizabeth Gallagher Vice-Chair,
U.S. Treasurer Anna Cabral
and David C. Lizárraga USHCC Chair.



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Hispanic Chamber of Commerce honors Latina Leaders

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The U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) kicked off the 2008 USHCC Legislative Conference with their Annual Latina Leaders Reception on March 11 in Washington, D.C.

Hispanics Today TV Show Host Erica Ortiz was the emcee for the reception and began the evening by leading the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

“We are recognizing women who contribute to our nation in a variety of sectors including public service, corporate, political, and entrepreneurship,” said David Lizarraga Chair of the USHCC.

This year's honorees included United States Treasurer Ana Cabral and Congresswomen Grace Napolitano, Lucielle Roybal-Allard, and Loretta Sanchez.

“Latinas are a critical segment of the overall Hispanic business community and as a group, Hispanic woman are the fastest growing business segment in the nation,” said Augustine Martinez, USHCC President & CEP.

The USHCC Legislative Conference brings together the nation's top business owners, opinion leaders and key governmental and administration officials for a three-day gathering to discuss the most pressing legislative concerns of Hispanic business owners.

The conference serves as an opportunity for Hispanic business leaders from across the nation and their constituents to come together to network and lobby on behalf issues that affect their community.

“We are honored to host the Latina Leaders Reception so we may pay tribute to the role of Latinas in our nation's capitol and corporate board rooms,” said Martinez.