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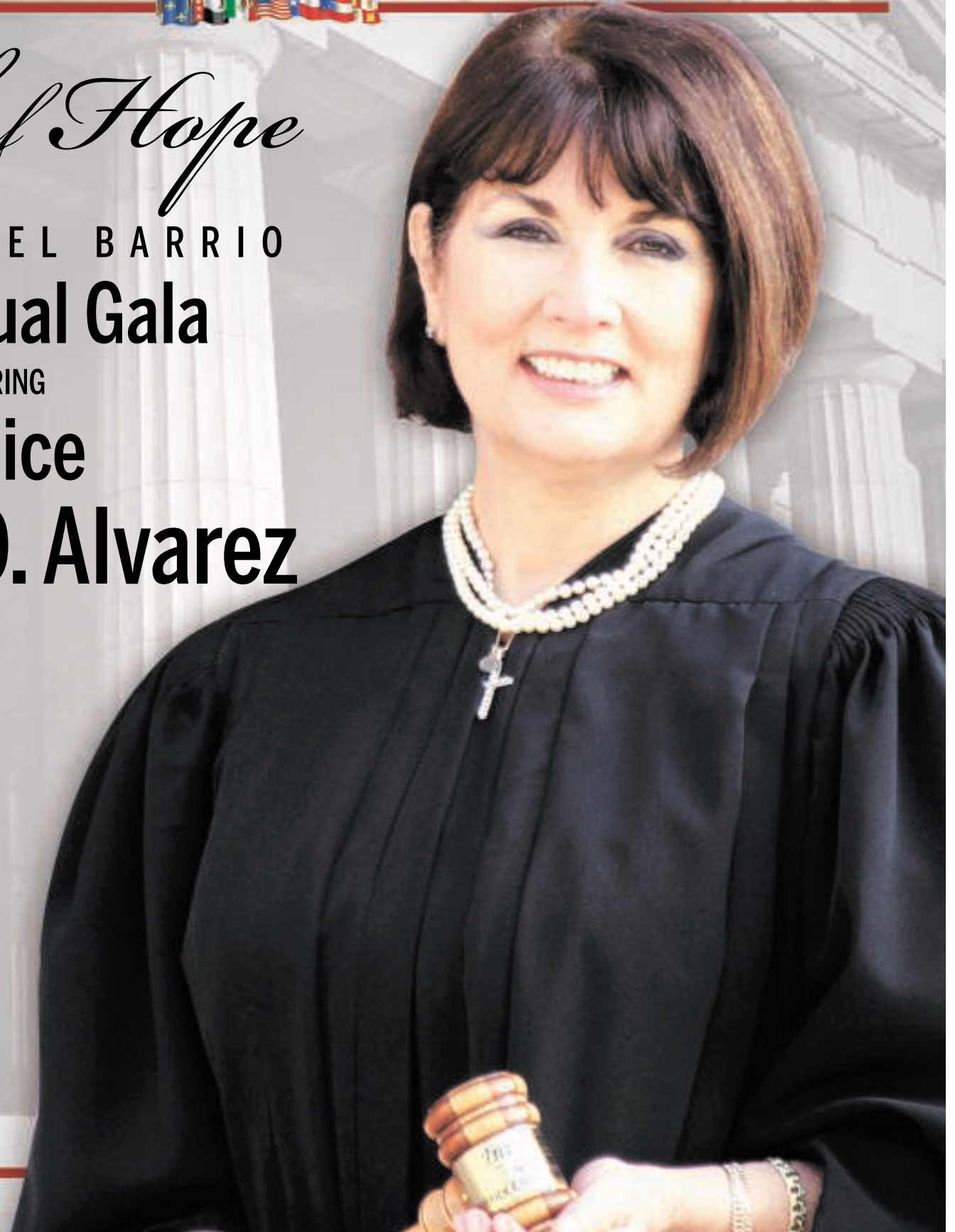
POSADA EN EL BARRIO

2nd Annual Gala

HONORING

Justice

Patricia O. Alvarez



Dear Friends,

As a member of this community, a parent, husband, church member and law enforcement official, I understand the importance of providing a safe environment in which the children of our community are afforded the opportunity to live, grow and prosper. Webb County Constable Pct. 1 is continuously working to improve our office's philosophy of serving the needs of this community; from crime prevention education, victim's assistance, to neighborhood patrol, traffic enforcement, civil and warrants. The department is composed of highly diverse dedicated men and women, flexible to the changing needs of our community. Through education, prevention and enforcement we strive to meet the challenges facing families within our community.

Our greatest commodity in life is our children, yet they are often victims of accidents, crimes and abuse. It is our responsibility as adults to work together as a team to educate, train and take care of them. Webb County Constable Pct. 1 has several programs directed towards the safety and welfare of our children. Working together with the community as a team, we can make a difference and enhance the quality of life in which we all share.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors, board of directors and my staff for making this annual gala a success. It is because of these hard working and dedicated individuals that nearly 3,000 children will benefit from the Angel of Hope Christmas Program and over 15,000 toys will be distributed. Furthermore, I congratulate Justice Patricia O'Connell Alvarez for being chosen by the board of director's as this year's honoree. Justice Alvarez's background and humble beginnings are great attributes and reflect what we want our children to look up to. Once again, a big thank you to all who made this a success!

Respectfully,
Constabel Rodolfo "Rudy" Rodriguez, Jr.
Founder & Executive Director



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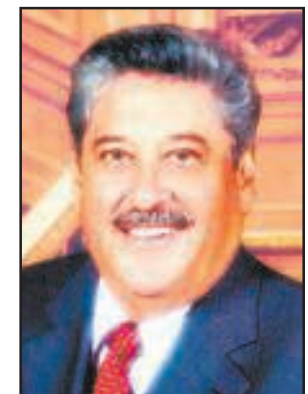
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2013 Angel of Hope Honoree Justice Patrica O. Alvarez 4th Court of Appeals, Place 3

Justice Patrica O. Alvarez was selected as the first Justice of the 4th Court of Appeals from Laredo, Texas, and the first born and raised in Mexico.

Justice Alvarez attended her first years of college in Mexico. She did not complete her education there because she moved to the United States with her then 6-year-old son. She saw the importance of continuing her education. After working as a waitress and then as a blood bank recruiter, she applied for admission at various colleges. Her poor command of the written English language did not help – but she persevered and was admitted to UTSA. She graduated from UTSA

(BA '82), and then pursued a legal career. By the time she graduated from the University of Texas' School of Law in 1987, she had a command of the written language.

Justice Alvarez was a trial attorney in South Texas for 25 years. She practiced in state and federal courts in South Texas, and handled complex civil trial matters. She is the only justice who has been admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, the State of Florida and the State of Texas.

Throughout her career, Justice Alvarez made it her priority to continue educating herself. She is Board Certi-

fied in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. At the time of her election, Justice Alvarez was classified by Martindale-Hubbell rate as an "AV Preeminent" attorney, which only 10% of the attorneys in the United States attain! She was designated a Texas Super Lawyer from 2003 until she took the bench.

Justice Alvarez is an active member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA); and of the State Bar of Texas, where she served as a Director of District 12, as Panel Chair of District 12 Grievance Committee, as PDP Chair, as member of the Pattern Jury Charge Committees (Volumes 1 and 2), and as trustee of the Texas Bar

Foundation. She is past president of the Mexican-American Bar of Texas. Presently, she serves as a Board Member of the College and as Chair of the Hispanic Issues Section of the Texas State Bar. She is a frequent lecturer at international, national and statewide levels on various areas of civil law.

Justice Alvarez is a member of the Damas de la Cultura de Oro, the Laredo Rotary Club, of Leadership Texas (LT'08), and of the Advisory Board of Texas Migrant Safe Heaven of Laredo. In 2012, she was inducted in the Hall of Fame of the Laredo Commission for Women for her work in promoting education among Webb County women.

Justice Alvarez has one son, Eduardo O. Valdes, who is also an attorney. She has three grandchildren.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Member of the UTSA Alumni Board of Directors 2013-present
- Member of the Advisory Board of Texas Migrant Safe Heaven 2008-present
- Member of Leadership Texas Class of 2008
- Foundation for Women's Resources
- Member of the Laredo Rotary Club
- Past Member of the Laredo Manufacturers and Transportation Association

- Member of Cathedral of San Agustin Catholic Church 1997- present
- Member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas 2012-present
- Member of the City of Laredo Commission for Women 2007-2011

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Board of Trial Advocates "ABOTA" National Representative 2009-present
- American Bar Association Chair Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee, 1997-1998
- Vice-Chair 1998-2002

- Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas President 2008-2009
- Litigation Counsel of America 2007-present
- San Antonio Bar Association
- Bexar County Women's Bar Association
- Maverick County Bar Association
- Hidalgo County Bar Association Director 1994-1997
- Webb County Bar Association
- Laredo Women's Bar Association

PAST MEMBER OF

- International Bar Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel

- Defense Research Institute National Director 2004-2007
- Vice-Chair Membership and Publications 1997-2002 of Trucking Committee
- Vice-Chair Trucking Committee 1999-2001
- Association for Trial Defense Attorneys
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel Director 1998-2001, Vice-President 2001-2002, Vice-President 2008-2011
- Transportation Lawyers Association; Trucking Industry Defense Association



Angel of Hope Mission Statement

Angel of Hope - Posada En El Barrio's mission is making life more pleasant for those less fortunate. Diversifying its interests to all age groups has enabled the organization to continue bringing smiles to those who otherwise might have lost all hope.

The 2nd Annual Angel of Hope Gala will be held at the Monte Carlo Reception Hall, 6415 McPherson Rd. Friday, Nov. 15, 2013.

For more information, and to become a sponsor, contact Lt. Daniel Donovan 956-523-4316 or Sgt. Reynundo S. Martinez Jr. 956-523-4316.

2012 Angel of Hope Honoree

A.A. Lic. Eduardo A. Garza Robles

A.A. Lic. Eduardo A. Garza Robles was the first recipient of the Angel of Hope Award. Lic. Garza Robles was born and raised in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico. He attended the Universidad Autonoma de Tamaulipas where he pursued a degree in Business Administration. Upon graduating from the university, Mr. Garza-Robles became a Custom Broker and established Uni-Trade Forwarding and Uni-Trade Brokers.

Lic. Garza Robles is an active member of St. Patrick's Church,



amongst other organizations. His objective is to participate in the economic growth and social development of the community through donations of scholarships to promote higher education and assist those in need.

Angel of Hope thanks Lic. Garza Robles for his continued support and generosity.

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Angel of Hope

Judge
Patricia Alvarez

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Patricia Alvarez

*on this well
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