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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 19th Annual National LATINA Symposium! As the member of Congress for Arizona's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to welcome you today. This event brings us together to celebrate Latinas' success and recognize their contributions to our armed forces. It is so important for our community to come together to uplift the often-overlooked Latina professionals and servicemembers who reflect the best America has to offer.

This year, I am proud to recognize your 2022 Distinguished Military Service Award recipients: CPT Joana Migdalia Martinez (U.S Army), SFC Madelyne M. Rodriguez (U.S Army), MAJ Lynmarie Rivera Martinez (U.S Army), SSG Reyna Ponce (U.S National Guard), MSG Thelma Barrios (U.S National Guard), Mrs. Neosensys Gottal (U.S National Guard), Cadet First Class Shakira Colon Madera (U.S Air Force), Mrs. Desiree Aguilar (U.S Air Force), SrA Nicole A. Rodriguez Fernandez (U.S Air Force), SrA Alexis Sanchez (U.S Air Force), CPT Kimberly Lynn Monarrez Soltero (U.S Air Force), HM1 Sandra E. Guzman (U.S Navy), LT Hailey Guerra (U.S Navy), MIDN LCDR Amanda Gabriela Morales (U.S Navy), MIDN 2/C Alondra Reyes (U.S Navy), SSgt. Amanda A. Phelps (U.S Marine Corps), MSgt Carmen Christman (U.S Marine Corps), Mrs. Dora M. Rodriguez (U.S Marine Corps), Petty Officer Johanna Polanco (U.S Coast Guard), LT Maria McElhaney (U.S Coast Guard), Ms. Sheyla M. Matos (U.S Coast Guard), and ENS/0-1 Olivia Gonzalez (U.S Coast Guard). Congratulations to all recipients and thank you for your exemplary service to our great nation!

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge President Robert Bard and everyone at LATINA Style for their unwavering commitment to Latinas who break barriers and move our country forward – whether that be in politics, business, the military or elsewhere. Thank you again for all you do. And to today's award recipients, I look forward to seeing what you all accomplish next!

Sincerely,



Ruben Gallego
Member of Congress