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Notice: Re-Appointment as LULAC National Education Co-Chair

Dear Dr. Arnold:

Whereas, education is the top priority of my office as National President; therefore, I hereby appoint John David Arnold, PhD as my LULAC National Education Co-Chair. Your four decades of experience in minority education including, literacy, migrant education, postsecondary, adult education, charter schools, on-line, and portable practical education are real assets to LULAC. Furthermore, your bi-national educational experiences having attended Colegio Cervantes in Guadalajara, Mexico, as a child have given you a perspective of what it is to be a student living in a foreign country.

Because of your vision in 1967 aboard an old '57 Chevy school bus named "La Tortuga," hundreds of thousands of farm workers, rural, inner city, at-risk students, and drop-outs have been given a second chance to learn with successful outcomes. For more information please visit www.ppep.org.

Your pioneering efforts in the public charter school movement have given minorities, inner city, farmworkers, and rural families hope again as well as a choice where they educate their children. For example, the twelve PPEP-TEC Charter High Schools you founded in Arizona have graduated over 3,500 at-risk students that the traditional schools had given up on. You have supported the LULAC Adelante mentoring program. Also, Dr. Arnold you have been an advocate of online learning programs for K-12 through college levels. Furthermore, because of the adult HEP Program you founded, over 1,500 farmworker adults have received their high school equivalency GED diplomas in Yuma County, Arizona alone. In addition, you initiated a LULAC Kidz Pilot demonstration council for upper elementary and middle school age youth. These youth, ages 8-13 ½ years can now join LULAC as associates rather than gangs and receive encouragement to stay in school, graduate, and go to college.

During your last term, you have been diligent in traveling in support of various LULAC council functions and support their educational efforts in California and the Rocky Mountain Region. One such event was the California LULAC Education Awards Breakfast in Pasadena. Furthermore, you were instrumental in forging the strategic partnership with the University of Phoenix to provide scholarships to Latino students.

This scholarship partnership through 2010 has mobilized 3.75 million dollars towards 75 full scholarships for graduates and under graduates. Your efforts to provide technical assistance, mentoring, preserving culture, art and sports camps along with upgrading schools in Africa has been well documented. For more information visit WWW.AFRICAWARESDONATE.ORG. The largest newspaper in Africa the Sun stated this about you "Philanthropy with a Difference ; How an American touched the lives of Millions" (through practical education)

In 2004, LULAC awarded you the National Cesar Chavez Leadership and Community Service Award for your more than four decades of service in education and established a Humanitarian award in your name. Truly, the dreams of the first "Bracero" migrant students aboard "La Tortuga" have been more than realized. For more details on Dr. Arnold's accomplishments in education and bio consult www.ppep.org.

Si Se Pudo,



Margaret Moran
National President