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Legislator Monica R. Martinez Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Brentwood, NY- Legislator Monica R. Martinez celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month on October 1, 2014. The event was shared by over 150 people at the Brentwood Public Library. The event commenced with the presentation of colors by the Brentwood JROTC.

In the United States, Hispanic Heritage is celebrated for a 30 day period. During that period, Americans observe and celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Legislator Monica R. Martinez had the pleasure of recognizing 30 honorees from Brentwood and Central Islip who have demonstrated great service to the Hispanic community. The diversity among the honorees was a reflection of the impact many have made to our local communities. Among those honored were educators, homemakers, entrepreneurs, artists, journalists and community activists.

Throughout the event, Legislator Martinez brought entertainment to the audience by providing musical performances by Justine Velasquez and Daniela Cardenas. Their beautiful voices stunned the audience as they sang the *Star Spangled Banner* and *Don't Cry for me Argentina*. Herencia Caleña aroused the audience with two dance performances by our youth. And who can forget, Joseph Reyes "El Charrito," who delighted the audience with Ranchera music. The entertainment concluded with spoken word from *HerStory*, a non-profit organization that helps women tell their stories of struggle through writing workshops.

During the finale, Legislator Martinez stated, “Our ancestors have fought hard and have paved the way for us. They have played major roles politically, economically, and socially. For that cause, it is important to celebrate the accomplishments and riches many Hispanics/Latinos have brought forth to this country and the footprints which have been left in the sand.”



Photo: Gabby Castillo, Jeanette Suarez, Nena Hernandez, Martha Montero, Legislator Martinez, Wendy Negron, Masiel Alvarez, Sandra Gil, Jessica Ortiz, Alejandra Vallejo, Emily Flores and Dr. Lisa Otero.
Bottom Row: Oscar Garcia, Danny Rivera, Master Porfirio Alvarez, Ernesto Trejo, Jesus Rios and Brian Galvis.

