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Legislator Monica R. Martinez hosts the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Brentwood Public Library

(Brentwood, NY); On October 11, 2016 Legislator Monica R. Martinez hosted her 3rd annual Hispanic Heritage celebration at the Brentwood Public Library. In addition to light-hearted musical performances and authentic, delicious food prepared by Pollo Campero of Brentwood, the celebration honored a number of District 9's dedicated individuals.

The 2016 honorees played a significant role in fostering a sense of distinguished Hispanic pride within the community. Many of the honorees served as role models for those who attended the celebration by promoting and advocating a healthy, worthwhile lifestyle. Other honorees inspired members of the community through education and civic engagement.

Ronald Hurtado, the key-note speaker, spoke of his experience in the United States Military and his lifelong mission to help those struggling to find their own path to success. Hurtado, along with his staff of honorable Veterans, helped guide a group of Brentwood students to develop a positive sense of self-esteem through fitness programs designed to build a solid foundation of confidence. This was made possible through Legislator Martinez' Summer Youth Connection Project.

The festivities included a lively dance performance by Tabernáculo Roca de Restauración's New Revolution and beautiful native Salvadorian songs performed by La Heredera Del Jaripeo and her talented 10 year old son, Charrito Migueleno. Governor Cuomo's Long Island representative, Vanessa Pino-Lockel presented a proclamation to Legislator Martinez in honoring the month of Hispanic heritage. Mrs. Pino-Lockel shared the Governor's appreciation and solidarity with Legislative District 9's Hispanic community.



Pictured: William Richards, Paul Millazzo, Sean Lyons, Legislator Monica R. Martinez, Ronald Hurtado