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Governor Bill Richardson appoints members to National Hispanic Cultural Center Board

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of John Paul Taylor, of Las Cruces, and Roberto Mondragon, of Santa Fe, to the National Hispanic Cultural Center Board of Directors. Each will serve a four-year term.

“The Hispanic Cultural Center is a world class facility dedicated to the preservation of Hispanic culture and tradition,” said Governor Bill Richardson. “These prominent New Mexicans, who have contributed so much to the state, our heritage and our traditions, will ensure that the center reflects diverse viewpoints from all corners of the state.”

Roberto Mondragon served two terms as Lieutenant Governor for the State of New Mexico from 1971-1974 and again from 1979-1982. Mondragon is also a former State Representative. He was appointed by Governor Toney Anaya as Director of the New Mexico State Housing Authority from 1983-1985 and appointed by Governor Jerry Apodoca as Director of the New Mexico Commission on Aging. Mondragon presently teaches part-time at the University of New Mexico and is the author and publisher of numerous books on Hispanic folklore and culture.

John Paul Taylor is a former State Representative for the State of New Mexico, representing Dona Ana County. Taylor is a retired educator and has served as a Regent on the Museum of New Mexico Board of Regents. John Paul and his wife, Mary Daniels Taylor have made numerous contributions to the state, including their own historic home,

along with its furniture and art collection, which will be donated to the state and designated as a New Mexico State Monument.

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